

Otago Regional Council meeting 28 June 2017

Attached is the agenda for the next Council meeting of the Otago Regional Council, which is to be held on Wednesday 28 June 2017, commencing at 9:00am.

The venue is the Otago Regional Council, Council Chambers, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Copies of attachments are available from the Committee Secretary (see contact details below) or online at

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Agenda for an ordinary meeting of Council to be held
in the Council Chambers at Otago Regional Council on
Wednesday 28 June 2017, commencing at 9:00am**

Membership: Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Bryan Scott

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Request for leave of absence – Cr Neill

In attendance:

**Please note that there is an embargo on agenda items until 8:30am on
Monday 26 June 2017.**

WELCOME

Declaration of Office by Councillor Elect

Councillor elect (Dunstan Ward) to take the declaration as required by
Clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PUBLIC FORUM

BusGo Dunedin presentation of the “Don’t stop stopping” petition against eliminating all bus stops between Dowling and St Andrew Streets when the Bus Hub opens.

Guardians of Lake Dunstan presentation of “Getting rid of lagarosiphon from Lake Dunstan and waterways” petition.

MINUTES

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The minutes of the public portion of the meeting of Council held on 17 May 2017, having been circulated, for adoption.

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Status report on the resolutions of Council

Report No.	Report Title	Presented to	Date of meeting	Resolution	Status
2016/1113	Committee Structure and Purpose	Council	2/11/16	<p><i>That the committee structure, purpose and membership as set out in this report be adopted and a review of the structure and Committee names be held in June 2017.</i></p> <p>Discussion item for 28 June Council meeting</p>	CLOSED Item 2 Chairperson's Report
2017/0652	Chairperson's report	Council	22/2/17	<p><i>That the minutes of the Mayoral Forums be circulated to all regional councillors</i></p> <p>Cr Woodhead to address the Mayoral Forum on 11 May 2017 meeting re circulation of approved minutes</p>	CLOSED (Summary attached to Chairperson's Report)
2017/0798	Review of Local Government Elected Members Remuneration – Consultation document	Council	17/5/17	<p><i>That Council consider the changes proposed by the Remuneration Authority, agree a response and authorise staff to submit that feedback by the required deadline.</i></p> <p><i>That Crs Brown, Robertson and Woodhead work with the Chief Executive and Director Corporate Services to form up a submission</i></p> <p><i>That a draft Expenses Policy be brought to Council</i></p>	CLOSED Submission sent 19/6/17 Draft Expenses Policy (Item 7)

PART A - CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

- Item 1 14- 35
2017/0899 Chairperson's report. Chair, 20/06/17
 Providing an overview of the Chairperson's activities for the period to June 2017.

A summary of the Mayoral Forum discussions and outcomes held on 11 May 2017 appended to the report.

- Item 2 36- 39
2017/0902 Chief Executive's Report, CE, 20/06/17
 Providing an overview of the Chief Executive's activities for the period to June 2017.

PART B – RECOMMENDATIONS

- Item 3 40- 46
2017/0896 2017/18 Annual Plan Adoption, DCS, 19/06/17
 The Finance and Corporate Committee has considered and made recommendations on the 2017/18 Annual Plan, following the receipt of 825 submissions on the Consultation Document and consideration of recommendations from the Hearing Committee. It is recommended that the Annual Plan now be adopted.

A copy of the 2017/18 Annual Plan is circulated separately with the agenda.

- Item 4 47-67
2017/0798 Rates Resolution, DCS, 10/05/17
 The report provides details of each of the rates to be set, and recommends that Council adopts the rates resolution for the 2017/18 year.

- Item 5 68-70
2017/0901 Review of Committee Structure and Names, Chairperson 20/06/17
 The report is in response to discussion held at the 2 November 2016 meeting which was resolved that a review of the structure and committee names be held in June 2017.

- Item 6 71-77
2017/0854 Elected Member's Expenses, Reimbursements and Allowances Policy,
 DCS 23/06/17

The report outlines a draft expense policy as requested from Council discussion at the 17 May Council meeting for consideration.

Item 7		78- 79
2017/0900	Cosy Homes Trust Proposal for Clean Heat Clean Air Programme, Manager Project, 20/06/17	

The report details a proposal to Council from the Cosy Homes Charitable Trust to administer a pilot programme to assist with clean heating in Milton.

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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers at Otago Regional Council on Wednesday 17 May 2017, commencing at 9:06am

Membership: Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Bryan Scott

Apologies: Nil

Cr Michael Laws attended the meeting via teleconference from 9:07am

In attendance: Peter Bodeker (CEO)
Nick Donnelly (DCS)
Fraser McRae (DPPRM)
Caroline Rowe (DSHE)
Michele Poole
Gavin Palmer (DEHS)
Scott MacLean (DEMO) *from 9:36am*
Gerard Collings (Item 3)
Lauren McDonald (Committee Secretary)

Cr Woodhead welcomed Michele Poole to the meeting, as Acting Stakeholder Engagement Director, media and members of the public in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum held.

MINUTES

The minutes of the public and the public excluded portions of the meeting of Council held on 5 April 2017, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Cr Noone and Cr Hope.

Motion Carried

ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of Council

Report No.	Report Title	Presented to	Date of meeting	Resolution	Status
2016/1113	Committee Structure and Purpose	Council	2/11/16	<p><i>That the committee structure, purpose and membership as set out in this report be adopted and a review of the structure and Committee names be held in June 2017.</i></p> <p>Discussion item scheduled for 28 June Council meeting</p>	OPEN
2017/0652	Chairperson's report	Council	22/2/17	<p><i>That the minutes of the Mayoral Forums be circulated to all regional councillors</i></p> <p>Cr Woodhead advised that a summary report from each Mayoral Forum meetings would be provided out to Councillors.</p>	CLOSED

PART A – PRESENTATIONS

Genetic manipulation for pest control.

Prof John Knight spoke to his presentation entitled “*Gene Drive Eradication of Pest Mammals: A Strategy fit for the 21st century*”. The presentation included background to current pest control methods, development of gene drive research for pest species specific eradication and funding being sought for the research.

Professor Knight responded to questions from Councillors.

Cr Laws left the teleconference prior to commencement of the LINZ presentation.

LINZ presentation on lagarosiphon control in Otago lakes

Presenters: David Mole, Senior Portfolio Manager Biosecurity
 Marcus Girvan, Project Manager, LINZ Biosecurity, Boffa Miskell
 Mary de Winton, Manager, Aquatic Plants Group, NIWA
 Paul Champion, Programme Leader, freshwater Biosecurity, NIWA

The presentation covered: history of lagarosiphon in Otago; strategy, growth and spread of lagarosiphon; strategies for control; approaches for achievement of lagarosiphon control outcomes short and long term. The presentation also addressed Lake Dunstan's current lagarosiphon status, weed management programme and objectives; control options and roles and responsibilities of LINZ, ORC, management groups and other stakeholders.

The presenters responded to questions from Councillors.

PART B - CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

Item 1

2017/0797 Chairperson's report. Chair, 10/05/17

The report provided an overview of the Chairperson's activities for the period to May 2017.

Cr Woodhead summarised the main discussions from the Mayoral Forum, Civil Defence and Regional Sector meetings attended during the reporting period.

Mayoral Forum – 11 May 2017

- The Triennial Agreement for 2016-19 was signed at the meeting.
- An update was provided by the Southern District Health Board (SDHB) deputy commissioners (Graham Crombie and Richard Thomson) on:
 - work programmes
 - explanation of the Southern Future project
 - new audiology suite at Wakari Hospital
 - update on the progress with relocation of the ICU from its current site to allow structural work to be undertaken
 - use of the communication link 'TeleHealth' for consultations to enable patients to be treated closer to home by a specialist in another location.
- Update from Crown Fibre Holdings Ltd on the next block of work in the region focussing on the rural end of communication provisions, in particular dealing with the cell phone black spot areas of the highway corridors in the region. The Mayoral Forum provided some feedback on the state highway corridor black spots in the region. Crown Fibre Holdings confirmed tender process is currently underway.
- A presentation of the Economic Development Strategy for Otago, which will be brought to Council.

Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management

- A Rural Advisory Group is being established under MPI
- Lifelines Steering Committee established in February 2017 and working well
- First round of AF8 workshops has been completed with two key outcomes: an integrated aviation response plan; a regional fuel plan
- Tsunami evacuation maps almost completed for distribution to communities
- Mr Nick Donnelly was appointed as regional recovery manager
- Comprehensive reports from the OCDEM will be circulated to councillors

Regional Sector meeting – Friday 12 May

- A national 'think piece' for biodiversity was discussed and will be brought to a Council workshop.
- Visit from the Dairy NZ, CEO and Chairperson talking about their relationship with regional councils on dairy industry matters and compliance with plans and environmental matters

- Bay of Plenty Regional Council provided an update on the recent flood event and the independent investigation underway of the BOP management of flood and drainage scheme infrastructure. The investigation panel is being led by Michael Cullen.

Item 2

2017/0799 Chief Executive's Report, CE, 10/05/17

The report provided an overview of the Chief Executive's activities for the period to May 2017.

Melbourne Business School – Futures Thinking and Strategic Direction

Mr Bodeker outlined further details on the course and advised the implications for the region were large and required a change in thinking as an organisation for long term environmental management both regionally and nationally. There is the need to consider the implications of significant reduction on livestock to farming, landscapes etc. He suggested that futures thinking be included in the scheduled strategic planning session in July.

Health & Safety

Further discussion was held on the top five defined critical risks and workable solutions to mitigate the risks associated, in particular with the number one risk of driving on and off road. Mr Bodeker confirmed that standard operating procedure statements were being completed and standardised, also better definitions for “near miss” events to assist with reporting, e.g. such as swerving to miss an oncoming vehicle.

A comment was made in regard to the need for setting a bench mark range for total recordable injury rates (minor or significant) and also for the reinforcing of the message to staff of the requirement of wearing of seatbelts.

It was noted that there was a correction required to the graphs (key) in the report.

Moved Cr Woodhead

Seconded Cr Scott

That the Chair's and the Chief Executive's report be received.

Motion carried

PART C – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 3

2017/0794 Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014 – Draft addendum for Wakatipu Basin – March 2017 DCS, 09/05/17

The report provided a summary of the submissions received in response to the Wakatipu Basin component of “The Otago Regional Council Regional Public Transport

Plan 2014 draft Addendum: Wakatipu Basin and Green Island – Concord Link March 2017”.

The report also included an overview of the Hearing Panel deliberations, further amendments and the panel’s recommendation to adopt the draft addendum for the Wakatipu Basin.

Cr Robertson summarised the hearing process and the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel to the addendum. She acknowledged and thanked staff for their work in support of this

Discussion was held on the proposed fare structure, expected patronage, use of GoBus cards, water taxis and park and ride facilities.

Mr Collings confirmed that a park and ride facility was expected to be established at the airport and that water taxis services included in the amendment as part of the larger integrated programme.

Moved Cr Noone
Seconded Cr Robertson

- a) *That Council receive this report*
- b) *That Council adopt “The Otago Regional Council Public Transport Plan 2014 Addendum: Wakatipu Basin, May 2017” attached as appendix 4*
- c) *That Council note the further matters raised by the Panel*

Motion carried

Item 4
2017/0798 **Review of Local Government Elected Members Remuneration – Consultation document, DCS, 10/05/17**

The report provided staff comment to the Remuneration Authority Consultation document for Council consideration. The full consultation document “*Remuneration Authority Consultation Document, Local Government Review*” was tabled with the agenda.

Mr Donnelly confirmed the Remuneration Authority sought a Council submission by 19 June, on the review of remuneration and expenses.

A correction to the report was noted that it should refer to RMA plan hearing fees rather than RMA hearing fees.

Discussion was held on the overall report. Agreed outcomes to progress:

- Develop a definition of what is considered official Council business
- That a draft expense policy be developed and reported through the Finance & Corporate Committee

- Crs Woodhead, Brown, and Robertson together with the CE and Director Corporate Services form up the Council submission to the Remuneration Authority, reflecting the discussion held at the meeting.
- Provide ORC's recommendation on what is claimable as Council business and to seek the Remuneration Authority's clarification of the expense policy.

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Brown

1. *That Council consider the changes proposed by the Remuneration Authority, agree a response and authorise staff to submit that feedback by the required deadline*
2. *That Crs Brown, Robertson and Woodhead work with the Chief Executive and Director Corporate Services to develop the submission to the Remuneration Authority.*
3. *That a draft Expenses Policy be brought to Council*

Motion carried

PART D– ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 5

2017/0804 **Local Governance Statement**, DCS, 12/05/17

The report detailed the Local Government Act 2002 requirement the Council to prepare and make available a 'Local Governance Statement' providing information on the Council, consultation policies, policy documents and information access.

The Otago Regional Council's Local Governance Statement was updated following the 2016 local body elections and was circulated with the agenda.

Mr Donnelly confirmed the statement was an amalgamation of policies Council had already set in previous triennium, or since the start of the 2016-2019 triennium, such as Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

Moved Cr Deaker
Seconded Cr Hope

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 6 **Reports from Councillors**

Cr Scott attended the:

- Wild Dunedin presentation along with Cr Kempton.

- The Southern Wood Council Awards and presented the Forestry Environmental Management Excellence award to Heavy Weight Hire for their work in protection of waterways.

Cr Bell attended:

- 4 May - Otago and Southland Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 workshop in Cromwell. Attended by interested parties from QLDC, CODC and others in the region. This session assisted in the shaping of the future of Otago and Southland, especially for the Dunstan constituency where there is residential and business demand and growth which the communities can assist to shape. Feedback from those who attended was excellent.

Also attended a “Shaping the future Wanaka Transport” meeting in Wanaka on the evening of 4 May. The discussion was around meeting needs of the population growth and demands to 2050 for transport.

- 15 May - Wallaby meeting at the Ranfurly Hotel. An excellent presentation by ORC and Environment Canterbury staff, 35+ people in attendance, Good interaction and discussion.

Meeting of the Maniatoto Pest Destruction Company Directors and staff. He advised this company provides an excellent model for other communities to follow. A very successful meeting for those involved at the “coal face” of the pest problem.

- 16 May – attended the Tarras/Lindis Wallaby presentation on 16 May.

Cr Kempton attended:

- a strategic user briefing on the Public Transport Plan in Dunedin, Cr Woodhead also attended.
- A series of briefings for individuals TLAs and a user briefing in Dunedin and Cromwell. Valuable discussion held with operators about the issues and frustrations on the network.
- Community day at the Tomahawk lagoon on extension science work

Cr Brown attended:

- River management meetings for the Shag and Wainakarua catchments and advised it was a pro active stance with water management.
- Federated Farmers AGM on 16 May. He advised attendees commented on the improved communications out from ORC over the last few years. Positive feedback.

PART E – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- Item 7 **Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 3 May 2017, for adoption**

Moved Cr Brown
Seconded Cr Noone

Motion carried

Item 8 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on
3 May 2017, for adoption

Moved Cr Deaker
Seconded Cr Hope

Motion carried

Item 9 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on
3 May 2017, for adoption

Moved Cr Scott
Seconded Cr Neill

Motion carried

Item 10 **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting** held on 3 May
2017, for adoption

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Kempton

Motion carried

Item 11 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 3 May 2017,
for adoption

Moved Cr Robertson
Seconded Cr Deaker

Motion carried

The meeting was declared closed at 12:50pm.

Chairperson

REPORT

Document Id: A1014479

Report Number: 2017/0899

Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Chairperson

Date: 20 June 2017

Subject: **Chairperson's Report - June 2017**

1. LGNZ National Conference Remits

Cr Hope, Mr Bodeker and I are attending the Local Government Conference in July. There are four remits to be voted on during the AGM which are attached. The first are asking the Government to:

- (a) Amend the Litter Act;
- (b) Use a portion of GST to fund visitor infrastructure;
- (c) Legislation to allow Councils to control cats; and
- (d) A remit to encourage Councils to develop a sugar sweetened beverages policy for their workplaces and facilities.

President Lawrence Yule has completed his two terms and under the rules is retiring as President. As a result there is a vote for the position of National President. There are two candidates, Mayor of Dunedin City Dave Cull and Mayor of Nelson City, Rachel Reese. We seek Council's guidance on the remits and election.

Stuart Crosby, former Mayor of Tauranga and currently a councillor on Environment Bay of Plenty Regional Council, has been elected unopposed as Vice President.

We have received a letter from the Mayor of Wellington City seeking support for a national levy on single use plastic bags (see attachment 4)

2. LGNZ Water Symposium

Cr Robertson and I attended this event held over two days in Wellington. Attendees from all sectors of local government and stakeholders were present. Cr Robertson will report during councillor report back.

3. Ballance Awards Field Day

I attended the Otago winner's field day at Simon and Kirsten Engelbrect's property inland from Palmerston. As reported in Committees, it was a successful afternoon. ORC staff members Suzanne Watt and James White were present. James made a very good presentation on ORC matters, including water testing and nutrient budgeting the Engelbrect's had done. I also attended the National Showcase where all regional winners come together. This was held in Invercargill.

4. Te Roopu Taiao

The Murihiku meeting was hosted at Environment Southland. A presentation from Tom Scott of Public Health South explained the project being undertaken with Murihiku focusing on supporting family health with a community health approach. He reminded all of the need to take account of human health in our planning processes.

The upcoming six yearly representation reviews was discussed. Maori representation is part of the review and is linked to the Maori electoral role. Questions to discuss will be how to provide for representation, what are the options and what guidance can Iwi provide local authorities?

I updated the meeting on ORC relevant local government and RMA matters. The next meeting is on the 11th of September at Hokonui.

5. Other Meetings Attended

- NZTA annual briefing.
- Opening of the new Audiology Unit at Wakari Hospital.
- Presentation to the Balclutha Men's Fellowship Group.
- Mr Bodeker and I met with CODC Mayor Tim Cadogan and CE Leanne Mash, Murray Gribben from Crown Irrigation Ltd, and Allan Kane, Chair of the Manuherikia Strategy Group for an update on the group's work.
- The Otago Chamber of Commerce/Dunedin City Council Energy Leaders Accord.
- CE of Waitaki District Council Mike Ross's retirement function

Cr Stephen Woodhead

Chairperson

Attached:

(1) LGNZ 2017 AGM Remits (A1014480)

(2) LGNZ Presidency Election – DCC Mayor Dave Cull (A1014485)

(3) LGNZ Presidency Election – Nelson CC Mayor Rachel Reese (A1014484)

(4) Letter from Wellington City Council Mayor re national levy on single use plastic bags

Who's
putting local
issues on
the national
agenda?

**We are.
LGNZ.**

2017 Annual General Meeting

Remits

1

Litter Act 1979

Remit: That LGNZ advocates to central government to amend the Litter Act 1979 to enable local authorities to legally issue infringement notices where there is evidence of an offence.

Proposed by: Palmerston North City Council

Supported by: Metro Sector

Background information and research

1. The indiscriminate disposal of rubbish is an ongoing and increasing problem for local authorities. The primary statutory instrument for the abatement and control of litter is the Litter Act 1979 ("the Act").
2. Section 14 of the Act creates authority for the issue of infringement notices, which has been used by local authorities in respect to indiscriminately dumped refuse. The practice of many local authorities is to issue an infringement notice, with an infringement fee of up to \$400, where a search of the material reveals the likely owner of the material.
3. An examination of section 14 reveals that this approach is beyond the authority of the Act. Section 14(1) limits the issue of an infringement notice to situations where the Litter Control Officer observes a person committing an infringement offence, or has reasonable cause to believe such an offence is being or has just been committed by that person.
4. Infringement notices cannot, therefore, be issued in respect to refuse or litter deposited beyond the present or immediate past. This means that local government does not have an effective statutory tool to address the indiscriminate disposal of rubbish. The only measures available are the issue of a warning letter, or prosecution for an offence against section 15 of the Act. The former is seen as an ineffective deterrent in the absence of the ability to issue an infringement, and the latter extremely costly on councils.

5. This limitation could be simply address through amendment of the Act to remove the word “just” from section 14(1). It would then read “Where a Litter Control Officer observes a person committing an infringement offence or has reasonable cause to believe such an offence is being or has just been committed by that person, an infringement notice in respect of that offence may be issued to that person by that Officer.”
6. The current dispute and review mechanisms in respect to infringements would ensure protection from unjust fines.
7. This remit proposal meets the requirements for remits to be both relevant to local government overall, and to be of a significant policy nature. While the proposed remedy is a relatively simple one, managing the illegal dumping of rubbish is a significant issue for local authorities. The recommended action is an amendment to legislation, and therefore beyond the scope of ‘administrative action’ (as specified in the remit criteria).The lack of authority for councils to issue infringement notices for dumped refuse unless the offence is observed applies to all local authorities.

2

15 % Goods and Services Tax

Remit:	That Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) request that the Government use the appropriate mechanisms to enable a proportion of the 15% Goods and Services Tax (GST) be returned to the regions it was generated in so that Councils can use this money to pay for the servicing of visitor infrastructure.
Proposed by:	Gisborne District Council
Supported by:	Nelson City Council Napier City Council Tasman District Council Wairoa District Council Far North District Council

Background information and research

1. Nature of the issue

Many of the public amenities provided by local government, like public toilets, roads, walkways and cycleways, free wi-fi at the library and parks and reserves have been mostly paid for by ratepayers.

The free provision of these amenities contribute to the wellbeing of our residents, but they also help to make the visitor experience to New Zealand Regions a positive one.

2. Background to its being raised

Meng Foon, District Mayor of Gisborne - Tairāwhiti raised the matter as a proposal to Gisborne District Councils (GDC) Future Tairāwhiti Committee on 20 April 2017.

After gaining Committee support, the recommendation to proceed with this application to LGNZ AGM was adopted by the full Council at their meeting on 18 May 2017.

The proposal has a timely connection with the February 2017 launch of the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan (EAP). The EAP recognises that taking a strategic and coordinated approach to grow our Regions share in the tourism market has the potential to generate an annual GDP return of \$6.5m (within 5 years) to our Region. It is also projected to bring >40 additional jobs per annum.

This proposal is one step towards adopting a strategic and coordinated approach to investment in Regional tourism growth. It is relevant to local government as a whole and has the potential to benefit the New Zealand economy.

3. New or confirming existing policy

The proposal of a GST remit to be used to maintain and enhance public and visitor infrastructure is new but it is consistent with Councils strategic priorities. These priorities are reflected in the Long Term Plan (LTP) projects and activities and align with our vision and community outcomes.

The strategic priorities that specifically relate to the proposal are:

- Prosperous Tairāwhiti – fostering economic growth and community well-being; &
- Mana Tairāwhiti – enhancing and enjoying our unique region.

The proposal is also consistent with the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan and the Tairāwhiti Māori Economic Development Report (28 February 2017). Both documents represent more than 18 months of collaboration between regional groups, industry groups, local businesses and iwi, with support from central government through the Regional Growth Programme.

Both documents recognise that investment in some core tourism infrastructure has a big role to play in hosting people and making them feel comfortable about the region.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

Council's current work programme, described in the 2015-2025 LTP, prioritises investment in community infrastructure that strengthens 'Our Place'. This includes our parks, pool, public spaces, sports grounds, our library and theatres. It also includes investing in our rural towns; cycle and walkways that improve connections and heritage trails, such as Council's major project Tairāwhiti Navigations .

All of these public infrastructure assets contribute to a positive visitor experience. All of these assets are currently paid for by ratepayers.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

The Regions have all been working closely with the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to explore opportunities to increase jobs, income and investment. This work to-date is reflected in the Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan. As described at (2) in this application, the EAP lists tourism growth and activities as a key Sector Action that will contribute to major economic benefits for the region by 2022.

The proposal for a percentage return of GST generated in the Region for the purposes of being reinvested in public infrastructure that supports the positive visitor experience is consistent with the GDC Financial Strategy (2015-2025 LTP) which describes an overarching aim to be 'financially sustainable' and a key direction to 'balance user pays emphasis with public good'.

The proposal is also consistent with the purpose of the Local Government Act (2002) whereby local authorities are provided the ability "...to play a broad role in meeting the current and future needs of their communities for good quality local infrastructure (and) local public services..."

6. Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone or Sector meeting

No.

7. Evidence of support from Zone/Sector meeting or five councils

The Mayor of Gisborne- Tairāwhiti, Meng Foon has canvassed other councils and has the all-inclusive support of at least five other local authorities. The written evidence showing the support of the Gisborne District Council, Nelson City Council, Napier City Council, Tasman District Council, Wairoa District Council to support Mayor Meng Foon's proposal are attached to this letter as appendix 1.

8. Suggested course of action envisaged.

That Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) request that the Government use the appropriate mechanisms to enable a proportion of the 15% Goods and Service Tax (GST) be returned to the regions it was generated in so that Councils can use this money to pay for the servicing of visitor infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

Meng Foon
District Mayor
Gisborne- Tairāwhiti

3

National legislation to manage cats

Remit:	That Local Government New Zealand lobby the Government to take legislative action as a matter of urgency to develop national legislation to manage cats with the proviso that legislation includes provision for cost recovery for cat management.
Proposed by:	Dunedin City Council
Supported by:	Auckland Council
	Palmerston North City Council
	Rangitikei District Council
	Masterton District Council
	Otago District Council
	Invercargill City Council
	Hastings District Council

Background information and research

Nature of the issue

Throughout New Zealand many local authorities are individually trying to promote responsible cat ownership, good cat management and reduce the environmental impact cats have on our wildlife. The introduction of national legislation would help address these concerns and enable a consistent approach throughout New Zealand.

Concerns regarding nuisance caused by companion, stray and feral cats have been raised by the community via multiple channels, including unprompted comments in response to the Dunedin Residents' Opinion Survey 2014 and Dog Control Survey. Cat control is an issue that has also been raised in submissions received on the review of bylaws that regulate dogs as well as the use of parks and reserves. Submitters have requested the district council take additional measures to control cats so that urban and rural wildlife is protected.

Background to it being raised

Throughout New Zealand, companion cat and feral cat numbers are believed to be increasing. While the exact number of cats in New Zealand is unknown, the cat population is estimated at 1.4 million.

Councils are tasked with trying to promote responsible cat ownership and reduce their environmental impact on wildlife, including native birds and geckos. Yet, district council powers for cats are for the purpose of minimising the impact on people's health and wellbeing. The regional council's powers are restricted to destruction of feral cats as pests. There are no statutory powers available for the district council to implement an alternative solution such as requiring companion cat owners to control their cats to avoid or minimise the harm of companion cats on urban or rural wildlife.

This is confirmed by the Local Government Act 2002 which specifies that Council's powers to make bylaws are restricted to matters of public welfare such as:

- “(a) protecting the public from nuisance;
- (b) protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety;
- (c) minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.”¹ (emphasis added)

While the Local Government Act 2002 provides in section 146(a)(v) that the Council may make a bylaw for the keeping of animals, these powers are restricted to ensuring cats kept on a property to avoid a nuisance or cause a health problem for people.

A district council may not pass a bylaw to control cats for the purpose of generally protecting wildlife beyond the boundary of a reserve administered under the Reserves Act 1977, as the purposes for passing a bylaw specified in the Local Government Act 2002 are directed at ensuring that companion cat ownership does not adversely affect people.

This remit seeks the protection of our wildlife and native species by seeking regulatory powers for the Council to prescribe cat control measures for the protection of wildlife in urban and rural areas. Regulatory powers for companion cat control measures could include:

- Cat identification (e.g. collars and/or microchipping) of cats is a method of identifying the person that is the owner of the cat.
- Cat de-sexing
- Responsible cat ownership (such as locking in cats overnight and wearing collars with bells).

A secondary issue is the power to enforce those measures by way of issuing an infringement notice for a breach of a bylaw. Currently, a Council is not permitted to introduce infringement offences as Parliament has not yet enacted the regulations under the Local Government Act 2002 required to permit Councils to create an infringement fine for a breach of bylaws.

¹ Section 145, Local Government Act 2002

On 16 May 2017 the Dunedin City Council made a resolution that Local Government New Zealand lobby the Government to take legislative action as a matter of urgency to give Councils statutory power to control companion cats.

How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

This issue relates to maintaining and enhancing the quality of New Zealand's environment which is policy priority three in the LGNZ policy statement. Therefore this remit supports the work programme of LGNZ.

Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone/Sector meeting or 5 Councils

Seven councils have indicated support for the remit.

Suggested course of action envisaged

That Local Government New Zealand lobby the Government to develop legislation at a national level akin to the Dog Control Act 1996 which would cover (but not necessarily limited to): Functions, duties, and powers of territorial authorities

- Cat control officers and cat rangers
- Cat registration (including chipping)
- Obligations of owner
- Infringement offences
- Custody of cats

A Cat Control Act would give Councils the necessary statutory power to control cats.

4

Development of a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy

Remit:	All councils should consider the development of a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy for their respective workplaces and facilities.
Proposed by:	Hastings District Council
Supported by:	South Taranaki District Council
	Central Hawke's Bay District Council
	Nelson City Council
	Wairoa District Council
	Palmerston North City Council
	Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Background information and research

Nature of the issue

There is a growing awareness of the association between too much sugar and a number of health related conditions including obesity, poor dental health, and serious medical conditions such as type-2 diabetes. Sugar sweetened beverages are recognised as being one of the leading contributors of sugar to the diets of New Zealanders.

Councils are well positioned to positively influence the health behaviours of its staff, elected representatives, and visitors, and to model good health behaviours for the wider community through the development of sugar sweetened beverage policies.

Councils lack guidance on the format and content of a policy on this issue. The provision of such guidance assists in enabling positive action on reducing the harm from the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages.

Background to it being raised

Choose Water Hawke's Bay presented to the Hastings District Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee in March 2017. *Choose Water Hawke's Bay* is a group of oral health promoters formed to look at local health measures to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of sugar sweetened beverages in the Hawke's Bay community and to promote healthy beverage alternatives. *Choose Water Hawke's Bay* sought support from Council to understand the problem and promote solutions; and to develop a Policy that provides a sugar free drink haven within Council facilities and Council run events. In response to *Choose Water Hawke's Bay* presentation, the Planning and Regulatory Committee agreed inter alia 'that a remit on Sugar Free Drinks and/or choose water be formulated and submitted to Local Government New Zealand for consideration'.

New or confirming existing policy

In 2013, the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board became the first Health Board in the country to implement a policy limiting access to sugar sweetened beverages. Nelson City Council supported this initiative through their own sugar sweetened beverages policy.

How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

The issue is not currently in the LGNZ current work programme.

What work or action on the issue has been done on it, and the outcome

Hastings District Council has been asked to: develop a Policy on sugar sweetened beverages and to develop a policy on a Sugar Free Drink Haven within Council Facilities and Council run events. Development of these policies has been initiated.

As mentioned above Nelson Marlborough District Health Board and Nelson City Council have developed policies limiting access to sugar sweetened beverages.

While some individual Councils have considered the development of sugar sweetened beverages for their respective Councils here is no overall Local Government policy or position on this matter.

Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

No relevant legislation identified.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that free sugars should contribute to no more than 10% of total energy intake, equivalent to approximately 12 teaspoons of sugar per day for an average adult.

Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone/Sector meeting or five Councils

In gaining support from other Councils Palmerston North City Council requested that consideration also be given to the banning of artificial sweeteners. The approval of the supporting Councils was sought and at the time of writing, this amendment has been supported by Hastings District Council, Nelson City Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Suggested course of action envisaged

That all Councils should consider the development of a Sugar Sweetened Beverages Policy for their respective workplaces and facilities.

That LGNZ provide template policy and guidelines to assist Councils with the development of such policies.

That LGNZ collect data on the development of Sugar Sweetened Beverage Policies by Councils and report back at the 2018 LGNZ Annual General Meeting.

Janice Coldicott

From: Dave Cull <Dave.Cull@dcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2017 2:33 p.m.
To: Cr Stephen Woodhead (ORC)
Subject: LGNZ - Support for Nomination for President

Office of the Mayor



8 June 2017

Otago Regional Council
Chair Stephen Woodhead

Tēnā koe Stephen

At the LGNZ conference AGM in July, the member Councils will vote for a new President. I have put my name forward for the role.

I have been Mayor of Dunedin and a Metro Sector Representative on LGNZ's National Council since 2010. Since October last year, I have been LGNZ Vice President and Chair of the Metro Sector.

During that time, I have been privileged to contribute to an enormous lift in the standing and performance of LGNZ as an organisation. LGNZ has not only increased credibility and forged alliances with Central Government and other national stakeholders and sector groups, it has also led important work in areas such as risk assessment, water management, local government funding options and many more. These are issues critical to the viability, relevance and effectiveness of councils large and small, and work on them must be progressed.

The common factor with all these issues is the need to protect, and indeed strengthen, local control - local responsibility - so often threatened by Central Government legislative edict.

Intense effort by LGNZ and member councils succeeded in having enforced joint CCO provisions dropped from upcoming legislation. The development of LGNZ's Excellence Programme convinced Government their snapshot measures of councils were not needed. However, it will not be enough to just hold the line. Localism needs to be strengthened in Aotearoa/New Zealand. That's the principle that decisions should be made closest to where they have effect. Much is needed to strengthen the hand and fortify the resilience of all councils as they face changing population demographics, climate change effects, rising infrastructural costs, and ever-increasing Central Government requirements.

However, LGNZ – indeed the whole local government sector – won't achieve that on its own. It will always require partnerships. The key to LGNZ's President – the representative of all the country's elected members – being effective in helping address the challenges the sector faces, is building trusting and empathetic relationships with other players and stakeholders. That is everyone from the Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government, opposition MPs, fellow Elected Members, council CEOs, and iwi leaders, to ordinary citizens, manawhenua and many community, sector and professional organisations. I engage productively and respectfully with all of them.

I also have the support of my home team. I was nominated for the President's role by my CEO and Deputy Mayor, but only after they and my Council assured me of their backing with the increased commitments the job would bring.

I ask for your Council's support in the upcoming Presidential Election. My roles to date have made me very aware of how and where the efforts of the extraordinarily able team at LGNZ need to be concentrated in the coming term to affirm and enhance the capabilities of councils and Elected Members across the country.

I would greatly appreciate your vote.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Cull', written in a cursive style.

Dave Cull

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Subject:



Office of the Mayor

Kei ōku rangatira, tēnā koutou!

The nominations for the President and Vice President closed on Wednesday and I want to personally let you know that I have been nominated for the President's role. I am sure the formal LGNZ announcement will be following soon.

Dave Cull, Mayor of Dunedin, has already advised you of his nomination. Dave and I discussed the role at last week's National Council meeting. I believe competition is a healthy sign and it indicates an interest in our sector's leadership. That is a good thing.

I have been nominated by Justin Lester, Mayor of Wellington and seconded by Jan Barnes, Mayor of Matamata-Piako. I want to thank them for their confidence and support. At home I have been humbled by the support and encouragement I have had from my own Council team at both elected and officer level.

I thought very carefully about accepting the nomination and the opportunities and challenges it provides for me personally, for Nelson City Council, and for LGNZ and our membership.

My experiences over the years of working on behalf of our sector in several appointed roles, and now as a member of National Council, have been very positive. We are fortunate to work in a sector of talented caring people - both elected and employed. Many are thought-leaders in their field. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Lawrence during the last 9 years and have particularly enjoyed working with him as part of the National Council team. Lawrence has always been very generous in sharing his knowledge and wisdom and I do not underestimate how big those President's shoes are to fill.

I also know that we are all facing increasingly complex social, financial and environmental challenges. Luckily I like complex challenges - that's why I serve in Local Government! I firmly believe that the Local Government Sector is going to be critical to building community resilience and prosperity. This is something I feel passionately about and I want our sector to have a strong voice and a strong partnership with whoever forms the Government after the September General Election. I have a committed desire to see our capability grow and be better recognised and harnessed, particularly by central government, but also within our own communities. We have a great story to tell and we can make it a story shared by all New Zealanders.

Over the coming weeks I will make contact with you personally to talk some more about your aspirations for LGNZ and, for those Mayors I am yet to meet, to give me a chance to say hello and for you to get to know me a little better.

Nāku iti nei, nā



Rachel

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23 May, 2017

Dear Mayors

I am writing to ask for your support to help tackle the problems caused by single-use plastic bags.

At the 2015 LGNZ Conference, 89% of Councils from across New Zealand called upon central government to impose a national levy on single-use plastic bags.

Our experience in local government showed us that plastic bags were impacting our local environment and our communities were bearing the environmental and financial burden.

Since then we have seen some minor improvements to encourage recycling, but more action is needed. Imposing a compulsory levy at the point of sale will act as a deterrent, reducing the total number of single use plastic bags produced. In England, for example, a compulsory levy was introduced in October 2015, which reduced plastic bag usage by 85% within 6 months. There's no reason we wouldn't achieve the same here in New Zealand.

I know this is likely to be affecting your Council too.

I would like to re-affirm the support from the local government sector to create a national levy, or alternatively for the Government to empower local authorities to set a levy in our own areas.

If you would like to add your name to the letter please respond with an electronic signature for my office to collate.

We will arrange for it to be sent to the Government.

Regards



Justin Lester
Mayor of Wellington

Otago Mayoral Forum – 11 May 2017

The Otago Mayoral Forum met in Dunedin on Thursday 11 May 2017.

Triennial Agreement – Signing

There was the formal signing of the Local Authorities of Otago Region Triennial Agreement 2016-19.

The Triennial Agreement is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2002 for each triennium. The document was considered and recommended for adoption of each local authority at the Mayoral Forum held on 7 February 2017. Each local authority subsequently endorsed the document. The Mayors of the territorial authorities and Chair of the Otago Regional Council signed the agreement under delegated authority.

Forum Reporting – Discussion on Reporting of Forum Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes

The Forum considered a recommendation from Chief Executives around how the Otago Mayoral should be reported.

The Otago Mayoral Forum agreed that a short summary of what was discussed at each forum should be circulated to regional and territorial councillors and made available on via a webpage shortly after each meeting.

Southern District Health Board – Deputy Commissioners Richard Thomson and Graeme Crombie

Deputy Commissioners Richard Thomson and Graeme Crombie joined the forum to update Otago Mayors on the activities of the Southern District Health Board, and on the progress on the indicative business case for the Dunedin Hospital Rebuild Project.

Section 17A Review

The Forum was updated on progress on Section 17A Review activities.

Three councils (Central Otago District Council, Waitaki District Council, and Dunedin City Council) have resolved to carry out formal joint reviews of Solid Waste, Regulatory Services, and Waterways and Harbours, and further assessments of the potential benefits of reviews of Three Waters and Land Transport. They have also resolved not to undertake reviews of 23 other regional activity groups identified by the high level review.

Other Otago councils are expected to progress similar resolutions in due course. The resolutions will allow individual councils to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of section 17A.

The Forum was also advised that joint review or assessment would be carried out by multi council teams lead by a Chief Executive as sponsor and convenor. Detailed project plans for each reviews or assessment have been completed in draft form.

For each review, the relevant Otago s17A project team member will convene an initial meeting of the CEO and participants, to confirm or amend the review's project plan. The initial meeting will also determine an approach for procuring external facilitation and/or specialist advice where required.

The Forum will be updated on progress and outcomes of each joint review or assessment late in the year.

Wood Energy Otago – Letter of Support to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority

The Forum considered a draft letter of support for the regional expansion of the Wood Energy South programme to Otago and South Canterbury by the Bioenergy Association Southland/Otago. The letter was prepared by Lloyd McGinty of Ahika at the request of Otago Mayors after he met with them at the Forum of 7 February 2017.

The Forum also considered a one-page summary of the project scope.

The letter of support is to be sent to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority.

The Forum endorsed the draft letter and requested that Mayor Cull sign it on behalf of the Otago Mayors.

Otago Museum Funding

The Otago Mayoral Forum considered a report presenting advice on adjustments to agreed allocation of funding for the Otago Museum across the councils in the Otago Region. The Forum was asked to:

1. Consider funding model options;
2. Guide Chief Executives as to the Mayoral view on the most appropriate mechanism to collect the Otago Museum levy; and,
3. Instruct Chief Executives to prepare a report that considers a new Heads of Agreement outlining an adjusted funding allocation that meets the legal requirements of the Otago Museum Act, to be agreed by each Council in time to be adopted in Long Term Plans.

The Otago Mayoral Forum resolved that Dunedin City Council were to draft and circulate to Chief Executives a draft Heads of Agreement 2017 – 2027, based on a funding allocation that includes contribution by Queenstown Lakes District Council that offsets a portion of the contribution by Clutha District Council. The agreement will include stipulation that each council's contribution is reviewed every 3 years prior to the Long Term Plan.

The draft Heads of Agreement would then be considered by Otago Mayors at the next Mayoral Forum in August 2017.

Rural Broadband Initiative 2 – Nick Manning and Sean Wynne (Crown Fibre Holdings Limited)

Nick Manning and Sean Wynne of Crown Fibre Holdings Limited joined the Mayoral Forum to discuss the second phase of the Government's Rural Broadband Initiative, and the Rural Mobile Blackspots Programme.

Discussion centred around the scope of both initiatives and ways that local authorities can assist Crown Fibre Holdings and the successful tenderers to deliver them. However, the Forum also discussed potential co-funding initiatives where a local authority might consider localities that are not within the scope of the initiatives, but are important locally.

Freedom Camping

The Mayoral Forum discussed freedom camping, infrastructure and services, and Queenstown Lakes District Council recent correspondence and discussion with Minister Bennett.

Mayor Boulton agreed to share correspondence and insight with colleagues for consideration and to inform further action by each local authority.

Regional Development Strategy – Geoff Henley (Henley Hutchings)

Geoff Henley (Henley Hutchings) joined the Mayoral Forum to discuss work done so far towards potentially developing a Regional Development Strategy for Otago. The purpose and emphasis of the work was to identify opportunities and enablers that would benefit from a more regional focus, and would be complimentary to work already being done in each territorial authority. Mr Henley presented several scenarios that address a combination of issues and factors that would benefit from specific and focused attention.

The Mayoral Forum agreed that:

- ongoing work should concentrate on specific opportunities and enablers that the region put some energy behind rather than broad scenarios;
- that these opportunities and enablers be scoped out and defined; and,
- governance structure be considered and promoted for endorsement that provides the appropriate level of leadership and drive. Any governance structure should include regional stakeholders and partners.

Recommendations around these times will be brought back to the next Otago Mayoral Forum in August 2017.

REPORT

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Prepared For: Council

Prepared By: Chief Executive

Date: 20 June 2017

Subject: **Chief Executive's Report - June 2017**

1. Health & Safety – Period 6 May to 16 June 2017

1.1 Health and Safety Activity

- Major projects update:
 - Contractor Pre-Assessment Approval Register: progressing to 1 August 17 target date.
 - SOP: ongoing process for next six months.
 - Landowner/Occupier PCBU and Safety Permit: in discussion - legal opinion sought.
- A new project of significance has been determining the requirements for 'temporary traffic management' under the NZTA Code of Practice (CoPTTM). It has been determined that the code does apply to Council field-based activities and it will involve a large number of our staff. This will require significant resources – cost, training and time. A report is currently in progress as to expenditure and actions required to implement.
- Other than day-to-day advisory work, key points of interest of H&S Adviser work;
 - Continuing process of review and revising existing policies and guidelines or creating new documents. This work will continue for the next six months.
 - Established an informal area network with other TA's and their H&S Advisers. An upcoming joint training collaboration has been an excellent cost saving and efficient outcome along with sharing information and ideas around initiatives they are all working on.
 - Planned and organised the first external health and safety training for team leaders/managers on Hazard and Risk Management (Health and Safety). This is one topic from an ongoing developing programme and meets responsibility to provide appropriate training to manage work related hazards and risks.
- Staff Health & Safety Committee meets six weekly and since the last reporting period a meeting has been held on 16 June.
- We are nearing the end of our reporting year. The August report for Council will be the full year health and safety data, analysis and comparative information.

1.2 Incident Reporting

All Incidents: for period 1 July 2016 to 16 June 2017 (accumulative).

Incidents by Type and Work Area			
<i>Work Area</i>	<i>Notifiable Event</i>	<i>Near Miss</i>	<i>Injury</i>
Field	0	9	6
Corporate	0	3	4
Other	0	0	2
TOTAL		12	12

Incident by Category and Work Area					
	<i>Notifiable (A)</i>	<i>Injury - Significant (B)</i>	<i>Injury Minor (C)</i>	<i>Near Miss Significant (D)</i>	<i>Near Miss Minor (E)</i>
Field	0	2	4	6	3
Corporate	0		4		3
Other	0	2		0	0

INJURY

A: Notifiable Event – as per legislative criteria, required to report to WorkSafe NZ

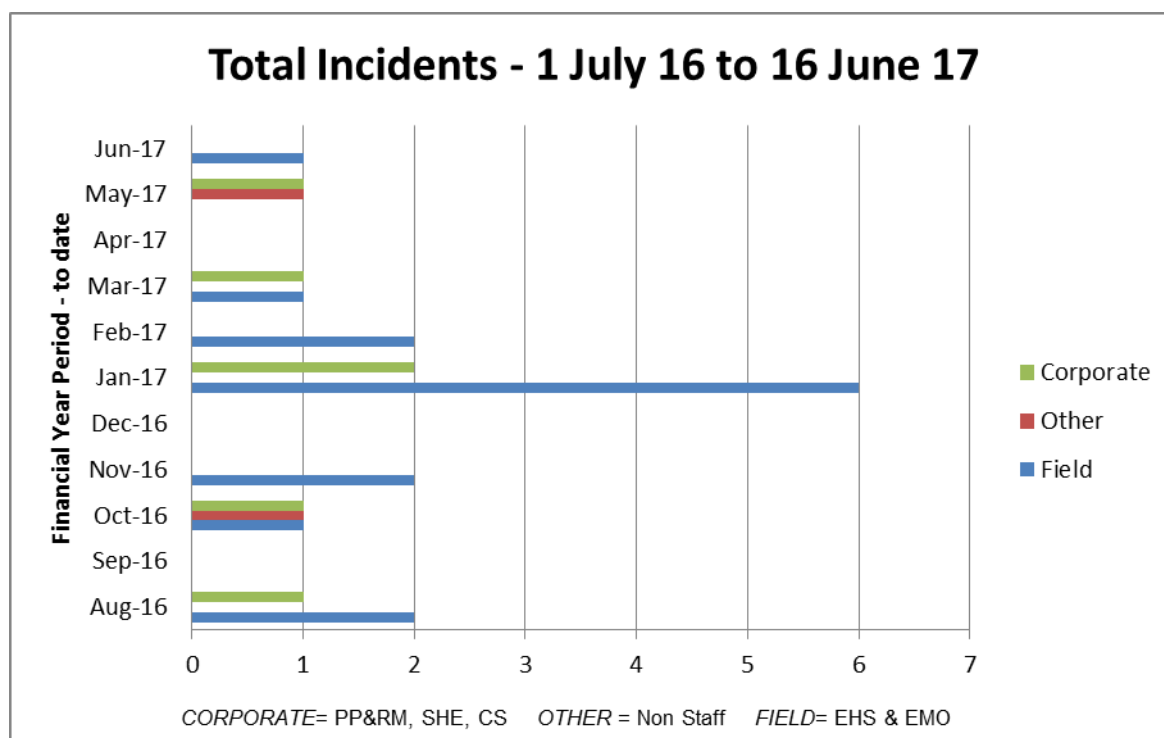
B: Significant Incident – medical intervention required (Dr/A&E/X-Ray)

C: Minor incident – first aid

NEAR MISS

D: Significant – damage to property or significant outcome if actual

E: Minor consequences if actual



2. Civil Defence & Emergency Management Conference

The Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management held their annual conference on the 7th of June. Emergency Management Otago had a number of delegates at the conference attending both the plenary and workshop sessions.

The conference was opened by the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Minister, the Honourable Nathan Guy who focused on ensuring that the Government would continue their support for civil defence activities. He reiterated the importance of civil defence looking to future proof its operations, and while discussing the current enquiry, he stressed that the system while not broken, certainly would benefit from some refocus. The area that appears to have the most focus is around communication, and the Minister was seeking feedback from civil defence organisations and local authorities, and ORC will be preparing a submission to the enquiry.

The keynote speaker at the conference was Craig Fugate who is the retiring director of America's equivalent to the Ministry of Civil Defence FEMA. Mr Fugate in a wide ranging speech, talked about the need to ensure that specialised emergency groups from across the Pacific, and in fact throughout the world, would be available in case of a natural disaster. He talked about the impact of, particularly storm surges, ferocity of wildfires, and the increasing magnitude of rain and snow events, meaning that traditional emergency management preparedness may not be enough. He quoted his organisation preparing that if a major east coast USA disaster occurred, all of the government resources in America would not be able to cope, and the ongoing requirement for individuals to prepare themselves for disaster is required.

In discussing the fact that the United States government would be unable to cope with a moderate to large civil defence emergency, Mr Fugate urged consideration of enlisting the private sector with their resources in any civil defence emergency response. This concept was also discussed at the South Island Civil Defence and Emergency Management Conference in Queenstown in 2016 where Southland examples of training and preparing organisations with large staff, with the example of the Invercargill Mitre 10, as a way of not only ensuring additional human resources to assist in disaster recovery, but also the provision of equipment and supplies.

Other speakers at the conference spoke about the Wellington and Kaikoura responses to the recent Kaikoura earthquakes. Keynote speakers focussing on the Wellington experience, included the Lower Hutt Mayor Ray Wallace. His message to the conference was very much around communication, urging those involved in CDEM to ensure that both electronic and verbal communications were established and maintained, not only at a political level but more importantly at a technical level where information around welfare centres and water sources were critical. He also noted that within the Lower Hutt experience of having a major carpark and shopping centre complex partially destroyed in the earthquake, again the importance of ensuring that good communications from the civil defence perspective was ensured right through the recovery phase, including when those facilities would be reopened.

The Wellington City Council speaker gave examples of how they have used GIS technology to identify all of the buildings in the CBD noting the purpose of the buildings, whether they were residential, office or commercial, noting for example whether they had a kitchen or café facility as a way to ensure they had a better idea of not only how many casualties they may have in each building, but also how and where facilities might be available for those people who might be evacuated.

All the messages from these conferences reinforce the simple message that there is not a standing army who will rescue individuals in the case of a significant emergency, and individuals need to be self-prepared.

3. Central Otago – Manuherikia Irrigation

On the 12th of June Mr Allan Kane, the chair of the Manuherikia Irrigation Group, met with Chairman Stephen Woodhead, Crown Irrigation's Murray Gribben, and CODC Mayor Tim Cadogan and CEO Leanne Mash and myself.

The briefing highlighted the progress that the group has made with respect to the dam construction at the Falls Dam site, and whether or not a large or medium sized dam might be able to be progressed. The outcome is that farmer interest in the dam expansion was not as high as might have been expected, and therefore while progress is still ongoing the immediate idea that the Manuherikia Irrigation Group may well be a single applicant for a consent process with respect to replacing deemed permits in the area is unlikely to occur. ORC will therefore begin engaging directly with deemed permit holders in the Manuherikia area to ensure they have the messages that have been distributed to deemed permit holders outside that area.

4. Update on Rural Water Quality activity – communications and engagement

In September 2016, staff undertook research through an external organisation, with a view to clarifying the information provided to the community on the water quality provisions of the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. The research identified that the community needed more clarity of what the provisions mean to land users, and what they need to do to be compliant. Land users who responded, also asked for clarity about the different stages of activity and deadlines. As a result of the research, communications and engagement staff have reviewed all communication material and are revising it to provide the clarity sought. This will be released in the form of a new guidebook for rural water quality delivered to all rural land users, available online, and publicised through a variety of media channels.

To complement the release of the guidebook, in the 17/18 financial year, we will take a road show to 10 rural communities to enable land users to ask questions of staff. This, coupled with the new website will provide better information to the community and industry support groups/organisations.

The research and communications plan were discussed with Councillors at a workshop on 7 December 2016. Our liaison specialists will also continue their work in their community for one-on-one discussions.

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

REPORT

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Date: 19 June 2017

Subject: **2017/18 Annual Plan Adoption**

1. Précis

The Finance and Corporate Committee has considered and made recommendations on the 2017/18 Annual Plan, following the receipt of 825 submissions on the Consultation Document and consideration of recommendations from the Hearing Committee. It is recommended that the Annual Plan now be adopted. A copy of the document is separately enclosed with the agenda.

2. Background

A Consultation Document was prepared that identified and explained significant or material differences between the proposed Annual Plan and the content of the Long Term Plan (LTP) for the 2017/18 year.

The consultation document presented information on six key consultation topics, and provided information on other new activities as follows:

1. Civil defence and emergency management
2. Rural water quality
 - Rural water quality risk assessment programme
 - Risk based dairy farm inspections
3. Minimum flow and deemed permit water use permit replacement
 - Minimum flow programme
 - Deemed water use permit transition work
4. Public transport in Wakatipu
 - Increasing the subsidy for public transport
 - Inclusion of Jacks Point in targeted rating area
5. Queenstown office
6. Lower Waitaki River control scheme

Other new activities discussed in the consultation document were as follows:

- Lake snow
- Lake restoration
- Wallaby control
- Climate change adaption
- Wilding tree control
- Dunedin building review

Council received 825 submissions, covering the key consultation topics, the other new activities, and on a number of other topics including:

- Air quality
- Biodiversity and environmental enhancement fund
- Funding requests
- Harbour matters
- Rates
- Lagarosiphon
- Public transport
- Pests

A summary of submissions received, and the recommendations made by the Hearing Committee were presented to the 14 June 2017 meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee.

3. 2017/18 Annual Plan

As discussed at the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting on 14 June, the following recommendations on the Annual Plan have been made:

3.1 *Civil defence and emergency management*

During the year, the management structure for emergency management in Otago changed, so that Emergency Management Officers from the territorial authorities are now employed directly by the ORC, and report to the Group Controller/Regional Manager. It is recommended that this activity should be funded by way of a uniform targeted rate of around \$25.89, charged to all rating units across the region (Option 1). Option 2 proposed funding this activity 50% uniform targeted rate and 50% general rates (based on capital value). It was agreed that this activity is firstly about people, and that the nature and value of a property is not the key basis for which services are provided.

3.2 *Rural water quality*

3.2.1 *Rural water quality risk assessment programme*

A proposal to undertake an environmental risk assessment (ERA) of every property that is charged the rural water quality rate over a three year period was consulted on. These assessments would help landowners understand what they need to do to comply with the provisions of the Water Plan by 2020, what risks to water quality might be present on their property, and how they may take steps to address those risks.

It is recommended that the environmental risk assessment programme be implemented in at least two catchments in the first year, and that staff come back to Council with options for a revised approach, taking into account the concerns and suggestions raised by submitters. The approach is to be developed and monitored, working with key stakeholders.

3.2.2 *Risk based dairy farm inspections*

It is recommended that a risk based approach to undertaking dairy visits be adopted, and that the dairy rate be \$478 as consulted on. The inspection programme will change from every dairy farm being visited each year, to a risk based approach, which prioritises the farms most at risk of impacting water quality. Using this approach, some farms may get two or three visits a year, while a low risk farm may only get one visit, say every two years. Every dairy farm, regardless of the number of inspections made, will be charged the dairy inspection rate.

3.3 *Minimum flows and deemed water use permit replacement*

3.3.1 *Minimum flows*

It is recommended that the accelerated programme of work to set minimum flows on a number of rivers and aquifers in Otago be adopted as consulted on. Work in 2017/18 includes the Cardrona, Clutha Mata Au, Arrow and Manuherikia rivers

3.3.2 Deemed water use permit transition work

It is recommended that the deemed water permit transition work be funded from the Water Management Reserve, as consulted on. This activity involves our ongoing work with permit holders to form water groups in priority catchments, and providing information such as ecological flows and historic water use to assist permit renewal.

3.4 Public transport in Wakatipu

3.4.1 Increasing the subsidy for public transport

It is recommended that the increase in subsidy for public transport in the Wakatipu Basin be adopted as consulted on. This will provide for contracting out bus services in the Wakatipu Basin, where previously, commercial bus services have been running. This change follows a network review where it was agreed with the New Zealand Transport Agency that an integrated approach to the transport issues in this area was needed.

3.4.2 Inclusion of Jacks Point in the targeted rating area

It is intended that bus services in the Wakatipu Basin will extend out to Jacks Point. As such, it is recommended that the Wakatipu transport rating area be extended to include Jacks Point.

3.5 Queenstown Office

It is recommended that during the 2017/18 year, office space is to be leased in Queenstown that would accommodate two to three full time staff, and provide additional “hot desks” and meeting rooms. The office would have reception services, ensuring someone will be available to the public during normal office hours. This would give ORC a better presence in this area, and the community better access to staff.

It is further recommended that the office would be located in an accessible area of Queenstown, such as Frankton, rather than the Central Business District.

3.6 Lower Waitaki District River control scheme

An independent economic assessment of the public versus private benefits of the Lower Waitaki River Scheme was undertaken by Castalia. Castalia recommended that there be a switch of 10% of funding (\$16,300) from targeted rates to general rates, to recognise that there are greater benefits from this scheme to the wider community than is provided for in our current revenue policy.

It is recommended that the revenue policy for the Lower Waitaki River control scheme be amended to fund 10% of the costs from general rates, in line with the recommendations from the Castalia review.

3.7 Other activities

Recommendations on our other activities are as follows:

- The contribution of \$100,000 to research on lake snow is to be provided for as consulted on.
- The lake restoration scoping work, costing \$91,000 for working with local communities on technical options for Lake Hayes, and on setting environmental visions and plans for Lake

Tuakitoto and Tomahawk Lagoon are to be undertaken as proposed in the consultation document.

- Wallaby control work, costing \$274,000, is to be funded from general rates as consulted on.
- Our natural hazards team will be undertaking some work to scope potential options for responding to sea level rise and shoreline retreat on the Clutha Delta. It is recommended that this scoping work be funded from the Kuriwao reserve as consulted on.
- Our contribution to wilding tree control is to increase from \$100,000 to \$200,000, resulting in a targeted rate per household of approximately \$2.14, compared to \$1.07 in 2016/17. It is further recommended that the full amount be distributed equally between Central Otago and Queenstown Lakes.
- Funding provided to complete the design and scoping work to inform consultation on the Dunedin Head Office is to remain in the Annual Plan.
- The request for an air monitor to be installed in Frankton is to be declined.
- The use of reserves to fund the environmental enhancement fund, and the level of the fund are considered to be appropriate. The use of the fund for operational costs is not supported.
- With respect to harbour matters, it is recommended that ORC accepts the offer from the Dunedin City Council to jointly resource a Harbourside Management Plan, which will include addressing the matter of dredging, harbour access etc.
- A review of consent fees and charges is to be undertaken in 2017/18, along with processes for processing consents such as boatsheds, jetties, wharves and moorings that are being “rolled over”.
- Funding of \$25,000 is to be provided to LINZ, to assist work being undertaken to reduce the risk of transferring the weed into high value water bodies. This contribution is to be funded by general rates across the region.
- A funding request from the Rotary Club of Dunedin for approximately \$12,800 for a BBQ for the cycle walking trail between the Dunedin Boat Harbour and Maia is to be declined, as this is outside of the role of a regional council. It is recommended that the Rotary Club be advised of the Environmental Enhancement Fund, so that if there is some aspect of the project that would fit with the criteria of this fund, an application could be considered.
- A request for \$10,000 per year for three years from Irrigation NZ to co-fund its Sustainable Farming Fund Application – SMART Tips & Tools for Irrigators is recommended to be declined, as this work is about giving farm advice which is not ORC’s core business.
- The request for \$2,000 for legal costs for a group to set up a Trust that then wishes to establish a Community Heating initiative is to be declined, as it is not ORC’s role to fund legal costs. However, it is noted that there may be some opportunity to work with or support this group in the future.

- The request for funding and support from NZ Marine Studies Centre is not supported, as it is not Council's policy to fund operational costs.
- The request for funding from 3F Food, Farms, Freshwater, for \$30,000 per annum for two years to co-fund the 3F Lake Wanaka project is not supported. In terms of Council's water quality implementation project, whilst Lake Wanaka is a highly valued and important water body in Otago, there are other catchments that have more intensive land use, are degraded, and have greater risks, and as a consequence, are currently of higher priority.
- The request for funding from the Upper Clutha Water Group, for \$150,000 per annum for the group to facilitate the community response alongside science and regulatory bodies to implement a Lake Wanaka and Upper Clutha Community Water Management Plan is not supported, noting the project proposes a process that differs from the approach taken in our Water Plan, i.e., this is a nutrient loading programme. Whilst Lake Wanaka is a highly valued and important water body in Otago, there are other catchments that have more intensive land use, are degraded, and have greater risks. As a consequence, ORC is currently focusing on these higher risk areas.

3.8 Other recommendations

3.8.1 Significance and Engagement Policy – Strategic Assets

The section within this policy on strategic assets states the following:

“The assets that the ORC holds and considers to be strategic are:

- *ORC shares held in Port Otago Limited*
- *Flood Protection and Drainage Schemes.”*

It is recommended that the policy be amended to include the following wording:

“The flood protection and drainage schemes, managed as a whole, are considered to be strategic. However not all trading decisions made about these assets are regarded as significant, nor do they affect the asset's strategic nature, e.g., the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme is strategic, but some bridges within the scheme area may not be, and the purchase or sale of such bridges may not amount to a significant decision.

Acquisition or disposal of a component of a strategic asset will not trigger this provision, unless it is considered that the component is an integral part of the strategic asset and that its acquisition or disposal would substantially affect the operation of the strategic asset.”

This amendment would allow us to consider the acquisition or disposal of some components of our scheme assets, without having to consult on those items that are not significant or would not affect in any way the operation of those schemes.

3.8.2 Fees and Charges

It is recommended that the scale of fees and charges be amended as follows:

	Proposed 2017/18	Actual 2016/17
Scale of charges:	\$	\$
Staff time per hour:		
* Technical/Scientist	120.00	115.00
Performance monitoring charges (amendments only)		
Structures:		
Structural integrity reports	80.00	-
Inspection reports for small dams	130.00	-
Inspection reports for large dams	260.00	-
Discharge to Water, Land and Coast		
Installation producer statements (septic tanks)	60.00	-
General		
Provision of photos	60.00	-

The amendments to the performance monitoring charges are to include charges that have been missing from the existing schedule. These are not new activities, as compliance work is undertaken for these, but no specific charges have been established for these activities to date.

4. Impact on the Annual Plan

The recommendations from the Finance and Corporate Committee have resulted in two changes to the estimates presented in the Consultation Document as follows:

- Increase the wilding tree targeted rate from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- Provide for a contribution of \$25,000 for lagarosiphon, to be funded by general rates across the region.

Note is made that Dunedin bus contracting figures have also been updated. There has been no impact on rates, but rather grants and other income (bus fares).

Total expenditure for the 2017/18 year is now estimated to be \$62.7 million and is to be funded as shown below.

LTP 2017/18 \$000s	Activity	Draft Plan 2017/16 \$000s	Annual Plan 2016/17 \$000s
5,846	General rates	7,275	6,341
10,570	Targeted rates	13,660	9,602
6,532	Grants	11,926	9,575
7,500	Dividends	9,000	7,400
3,868	Fees & charges	3,426	2,968
3,813	Reserves	6,951	11,368
4,060	Interest & other income	10,461	3,408
42,189	Total revenue	62,699	50,662

5. Recommendations

1. That this report be received.
2. That the recommendations from the Finance and Corporate Committee be adopted.
3. That the 2017/18 Annual Plan, incorporating the recommendations from the Finance and Corporate Committee be adopted.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

REPORT

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1. Précis

Following the adoption of the Annual Plan 2017/18, Council is required to adopt a rates resolution, which formally sets the rates for the 2017/18 financial year. The rates resolution is attached to this report. Schedule 1 of this report contains tables showing the 2017/18 rate effect on a range of properties within the Otago region, along with comparative rates for the 2016/17 year.

The purpose of this report is to provide details of each of the rates to be set, and to recommend that Council adopts the rates resolution for the 2017/18 year.

2. General Rates

2.1 General Rate Amount and Collection Basis

The GST inclusive general rate requirement for the 2017/18 year of \$8,366,647 represents a 14.74 % increase from the 2016/17 rate requirement of \$7,292,139.

Of the general rate requirement, the total amount of rates to be collected by way of Uniform Annual General Charge is \$2,091,661. This equates to a charge of \$19.27 (including GST) on each rateable property compared to \$17.05 in the 2016/17 year.

General rates, excluding the portion collected as a Uniform Annual General Charge, are charged on a capital value basis.

2.2 Equalisation of Capital Values

Revaluations of property for rating purposes are conducted on a cyclic three-yearly basis. The Dunedin City and the Central Otago District were revalued in 2016, and the Waitaki, Queenstown and Clutha Districts were last revalued in 2014.

Council obtained a certificate of projected values from Quotable Value Limited that provides an assessment of the overall “equalised” capital values of the city and each of the districts within Otago, as at 1 September 2016.

The equalised values are applied to apportion the general rate amount to be collected on a capital value basis from the region as a whole.

The following table shows the equalised values for the city and districts as at 1 September 2016 together with the previous year’s values.

City/Districts	Equalised Capital Value 1 Sept 2016	Apportionment Current year %	Equalised Capital Value Last Year	Apportionment Last year %
Central Otago	9,027,486,000	12.18	7,819,529,000	12.27
Clutha	7,763,481,000	10.48	7,521,231,000	11.80
Dunedin	22,942,033,000	30.96	21,363,630,000	33.53
Queenstown	28,275,569,000	38.16	21,236,099,000	33.33
Waitaki (part)	6,086,874,000	8.22	5,774,285,000	9.06
Total	74,095,443,000	100.00	63,714,774,000	100.00

2.3 Significant General Rate Amounts

The following are the assessed general rates to be levied on the basis of capital value:

	General Rates 2017/18 (GST inclusive) \$	General Rates 2016/17 (GST inclusive) \$
Contact Energy Ltd:		
Clyde Hydro Dam	39,455	41,151
Roxburgh Hydro Dam	19,283	20,091
Dunedin Waste Water Business Unit		
Three major facilities	78,686	70,124
Total	137,424	131,365
Total as % of the Total General Rates	2.19%	1.8%

The amount of general rate to be collected from these ratepayers, and the percentage of the total general rate is not considered unreasonable given the effects of the presence and operations of these properties.

3. Targeted Rates – River Management

The targeted rates (including GST) to be levied over the city and districts for the purposes of maintenance and enhancement of waterways within the city and districts, are as follows:

River Management Rates		
Territorial Local Authority City/District	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Central Otago District	345,000	345,000
Clutha District	304,750	304,750
Dunedin City	172,500	172,500
Queenstown-Lakes District - Wakatipu Rating District	172,500	230,000
Queenstown-Lakes District - Wanaka Rating District	192,050	192,050
Waitaki District	460,000	402,500
Total	1,646,800	1,646,800

The capital value base for river management targeted rates is considered to be the most appropriate rating base for these rates.

4. Targeted Rates – Flood and Drainage Schemes

The rating levels (GST inclusive) for the various flood protection and drainage scheme targeted rating districts are as follows:

Flood and Drainage Schemes		
Targeted Rating District	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Lower Taieri Flood	805,000	736,000
West Taieri Drainage	594,550	561,200
East Taieri Drainage	488,750	448,500
Lower Clutha Flood & Drainage	690,000	630,200
Tokomairiro Drainage	109,250	92,000
Lower Waitaki River	144,363	166,750
Leith Flood Protection	1,569,750	1,466,250
Shotover Delta Training Works	172,500	287,500
Total	4,574,163	4,388,400

These rates are levied on either a classified or differentially targeted basis in accordance with assessed benefits.

Lower Taieri Flood Protection

This rate is set on a capital value basis comprising 24 classifications.

The total rate requirement is collected by way of a differential rate on all classifications.

West Taieri Drainage

This rate is set on an area basis comprising five differential classifications.

Of the total rate requirement, 30% is collected by way of a targeted uniform rate on classifications WD1 through to WD4 (inclusive) and the remainder is collected by way of a differential rate on classifications WD1 through to WD5 (inclusive).

East Taieri Drainage

This rate is set on an area basis comprising ten classifications.

Of the total rate requirement, 25% is collected by way of a targeted uniform rate on all classifications except ED3, ED6 and ED7, and the remainder is collected by way of a differential rate on all classifications except ED3 and ED6.

Leith Flood Protection

This rate is set on a capital value basis comprising two classifications, the Direct Benefit Zone and the Indirect Benefit Zone.

The Forsyth Barr Stadium is to contribute 4% of the rate requirement attributed to the Direct Benefit Zone, with other Direct Benefit Zone properties contributing 96% of the Direct Benefit Zone rate requirement.

5. Targeted Rates – Transport

5.1 Dunedin Transport Rate

The transport services targeted rate is to be levied on two classifications of ratepayer, Class A and Class B.

Class A ratepayers are made up of those properties within the inner city and St Kilda/St Clair areas that **do not** have a land use description of any of the following;

- Residential: bach,
- Residential: multi-use within residential, multi-use residential,
- Residential: multi-unit,
- Residential: single unit excluding bach, and
- Residential: vacant.

Class B comprises all properties within the transport services targeted rating area other than those designated as Class A. Class A ratepayers will pay a differential rate equating to 3.75 times the amount paid by Class B ratepayers.

The rates to be levied are as follows (GST inclusive):

Transport Rate Dunedin		
Classification	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Class A	1,258,067	1,256,136
Class B	2,918,895	2,686,907
Total	4,176,962	3,943,043

5.2 Queenstown Transport Rate

The transport services targeted rate is to be levied on two classifications of ratepayer, Class A and Class B. Class A ratepayers will pay a differential rate equating to 2.0 times the amount paid by Class B ratepayers.

Class A ratepayers are made up of those properties within the Queenstown Transport Services Rating Area that have the land use description of:

- Commercial: Retail, Multi use within Commercial, and Services,
- Community Services: Multi-use within Community Services,
- Multi-use: Commercial,
- Residential: Public Communal-licensed, and Public Communal-unlicensed,
- Transport: Air Transport, and Multi-use within Transport, and
- Recreational: Entertainment, Multi-use within recreational, Active indoor, Active outdoor, Passive indoor, and Passive outdoor.

Class B comprises all properties within the Queenstown Transport Services rating area other than those designated as Class A.

The GST inclusive rate requirement of \$690,123 for the 2017/18 year represents a significant increase on the amount of \$63,304 levied in the 2016/17 period. The increase is part of the increase in funding required to achieve the significant improvements to public transport in the

Wakatipu Basin, as outlined in the consultation document and Annual Plan for the 2017/18 year.

The rates to be levied are as follows (GST inclusive):

Transport Rate Queenstown		
Classification	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Class A	186,421	17,933
Class B	503,702	45,371
Total	690,123	63,304

6. Targeted Rate – Rural Water Quality

The Rural Water Quality rate will be levied on the capital value of all rateable land situated within the Otago region that has a rural land use description, or, has a lifestyle land use description and has a land area of at least two hectares.

The rate requirement calculated for each city and district will be based on the equalised values of each city/district as recorded in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

The GST inclusive rate requirement of \$1,373,141 for the 2017/18 year represents an 86.90% increase on the amount of \$734,674 levied in the 2016/17 period.

7. Targeted Rate - Dairy Monitoring

The Dairy Monitoring rate will be levied on a targeted uniform basis on all rateable land, situated within the Otago region that operates a Dairy Farm.

The GST inclusive rate requirement of \$215,279 for the 2017/18 year represents a 45.41% increase on the amount of \$148,052 levied in the 2016/17 period.

8. Targeted Rate – Wilding Trees

The Wilding Tree rate will be levied on a targeted uniform basis on all rateable land situated within the Otago region.

The GST inclusive rate requirement of \$230,000 for the 2017/18 year represents a 100% increase on the amount of \$115,000 levied in the 2016/17 period.

9. Targeted Rate – Civil Defence and Emergency Management

The Civil Defence and Emergency Management rate will be levied for the first time in the 2017/18 rating year, and will be levied on a targeted uniform basis on all rateable land situated within the Otago region.

The amount of rate revenue sought in the 2017/18 year amounts to \$2,773,333 (GST inclusive).

10. Payment and Penalty Dates

The attached resolution provides that the due date for rates to be paid is 31 October 2017.

It also provides for penalty dates in November 2017 and May 2018 as follows:

- A 10% penalty will apply to all unpaid rates on 1 November 2017.
- A 10% penalty will apply to all rates levied in previous financial years remaining unpaid on 1 May 2018.

11. Recommendations

11.1 That this report be received.

11.2 That the attached Rating Resolution for the 2017/18 year be adopted.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

Schedule One

Dunedin City

Dunedin Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$100,000		\$250,000		\$500,000		\$750,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	11.07	10.79	27.68	26.98	55.35	53.95	83.03	80.93
River Management	0.76	0.86	1.90	2.15	3.80	4.30	5.70	6.45
Leith Flood Protection (<i>indirect</i> benefit zone)	5.28	5.57	13.20	13.93	26.40	27.85	39.60	41.78
Transport Class B	17.50	18.42	43.75	46.05	87.50	92.10	131.25	138.15
Total rates – property within the Leith Flood Protection <i>indirect</i> benefit zone	81.56	53.76	133.48	107.22	173.05	196.32	306.53	285.42
Add Leith Direct benefit margin	84.89	93.70	212.23	234.25	424.45	468.50	636.68	702.75
Total rates – property within the Leith Flood Protection <i>direct</i> benefit zone	166.45	147.46	345.71	341.47	644.45	664.82	943.20	988.17

Mosgiel Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$100,000		\$250,000		\$500,000		\$750,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
Area – hectares	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.10	0.10
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	11.07	10.79	27.68	26.98	55.35	53.95	83.03	80.93
River Management	0.76	0.86	1.90	2.15	3.80	4.30	5.70	6.45
Transport Class B	17.50	18.42	43.75	46.05	87.50	92.10	131.25	138.15
Lower Taieri Flood EF8	1.42	1.44	3.55	3.60	7.10	7.20	10.65	10.80
East Taieri Drainage ED7	11.55	10.47	13.48	12.22	15.40	13.96	19.25	17.45
	89.25	60.10	137.30	109.11	216.10	189.63	296.83	271.90

Dunedin Commercial

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$500,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,500,000		\$2,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	55.35	53.95	110.70	107.90	166.05	161.85	221.40	215.80
River Management	3.80	4.31	7.60	8.63	11.40	12.94	15.20	17.25
Transport Class A	328.20	345.33	656.40	690.66	984.60	1,035.99	1,312.80	1,381.32
Leith Lindsay (indirect rate)	26.40	27.83	52.80	55.66	79.20	83.49	105.601	111.32
	460.70	449.54	874.45	880.97	1,288.20	1,312.39	1,701.95	1,743.81

West Taieri Farm

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$200,000		\$500,000		\$800,000		\$1,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
Area – hectares		10		15		20		30
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56		25.56		25.56		25.56	
General Rate	22.14	21.58	55.35	53.95	88.56	86.32	110.70	107.90
River Management	1.52	1.72	3.80	4.30	6.08	6.88	7.60	8.60
Lower Taieri Flood WF1	787.60	746.30	1,181.40	1,114.95	1,575.20	1,486.60	2,362.80	2,229.90
West Taieri Drainage - uniform & WD1	1,034.20	976.00	1,551.30	1,464.00	2,068.40	1,952.00	3,102.60	2,928.00
Rural Water quality	14.04	8.78	35.10	21.95	56.16	35.12	70.20	43.90
Total Rates - Non-Dairy farm	1,510.79	1,423.72	2,672.35	2,556.12	3,833.91	3,688.52	5,297.75	5,094.12
Dairy monitoring uniform rate	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00
Total Rates - Dairy farm	1,988.79	1,748.72	3,150.35	2,881.12	4,311.91	4,013.52	5,775.75	5,419.12

Queenstown Lakes
Wakatipu Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$200,000		\$500,000		\$800,000		\$1,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
Queenstown and Arrowtown								
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	20.48	16.74	51.20	41.85	81.92	66.96	102.40	83.70
River management	2.60	3.58	6.50	8.94	10.40	14.30	13.00	17.88
Transport Class B	10.34	1.02	25.85	2.54	41.36	4.06	51.70	5.08
Shotover Delta	3.80	5.30	7.70	13.25	12.32	21.20	15.40	26.50
	83.45	44.76	138.20	84.70	192.95	124.64	229.45	151.28

Wanaka Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$200,000		\$500,000		\$800,000		\$1,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	20.48	16.74	51.20	41.85	81.92	66.96	102.40	83.70
River management	6.02	6.17	15.05	15.43	24.08	24.69	30.10	30.86
	73.45	41.03	113.20	75.40	152.95	109.77	179.45	132.68

Wakatipu Commercial

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$500,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,500,000		\$2,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	51.20	41.85	128.00	83.70	204.80	125.55	256.00	167.40
River management	8.95	8.94	17.90	17.88	26.85	26.82	35.80	35.76
Transport Class A	5.10	5.08	10.20	10.16	15.30	15.24	20.40	20.32
Shotover Delta	13.25	13.25	26.50	26.50	39.75	39.75	53.00	53.00
	125.45	87.24	229.55	156.36	333.65	225.48	412.15	294.60

Central Otago
Alexandra Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$100,000		\$250,000		\$500,000		\$750,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	7.62	8.74	19.05	21.85	38.10	43.70	57.15	65.55
River management	3.79	4.77	9.48	11.93	18.95	23.85	28.43	35.78
	58.36	31.63	75.48	51.90	104.00	85.67	132.53	119.45

Central Otago Farm

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$500,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,500,000		\$2,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56		25.56	-
General Rate	38.10	43.70	76.20	87.40	114.30	131.10	152.40	174.80
River management	18.95	23.85	37.90	47.70	56.85	71.55	75.80	95.40
Rural Water quality	33.10	21.95	66.20	43.90	99.30	65.85	132.40	87.80
Total Rates - Non-Dairy farm	137.10	107.62	227.25	197.12	317.40	286.62	407.55	376.12
Dairy monitoring uniform rate	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00
Total Rates - Dairy farm	615.10	432.62	705.25	522.12	795.40	611.62	885.55	701.12

Clutha

Balclutha Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$100,000		\$250,000		\$500,000		\$750,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	8.63	8.86	21.58	22.15	43.15	44.30	64.73	66.45
River management	4.15	4.16	10.38	10.40	20.75	20.80	31.13	31.20
Lower Clutha Flood Protection (Class U2)	68.97	61.96	172.43	154.90	344.85	309.80	517.28	464.70
	128.70	93.10	251.33	205.57	455.70	393.02	660.08	580.47

Milton Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$100,000		\$250,000		\$500,000		\$750,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	8.63	8.86	21.58	22.15	43.15	44.30	64.73	66.45
River management	4.15	4.16	10.38	10.40	20.75	20.80	31.13	31.20
Tokomairiro drainage (Class U1)	9.10	7.72	22.75	19.31	45.50	38.61	68.25	57.92
	68.83	38.86	101.65	69.98	156.35	121.83	211.05	173.69

Clutha Farm

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$500,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,500,000		\$2,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	43.15	44.30	86.30	88.60	129.45	132.90	172.60	177.20
River management	20.75	20.81	41.50	41.61	62.25	62.42	83.00	83.22
Lower Clutha Flood Protection (Class C)	977.05	877.75	1,954.10	1,755.50	2,931.15	2,633.25	3,908.20	3,511.00
Rural Water quality	36.55	21.96	73.10	43.91	109.65	65.87	146.20	87.82
Total Rates - Non-Dairy farm	1,124.45	982.94	2,201.95	1,947.74	3,279.45	2,912.56	4,356.95	3,877.36
Dairy monitoring uniform rate	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00
Total Rates - Dairy farm	1,602.45	1,307.94	2,679.95	2,272.74	3,757.45	3,237.56	4,834.95	4,202.36

Waitaki
Oamaru Residential

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$100,000		\$250,000		\$500,000		\$750,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	8.23	8.34	20.58	20.85	41.15	41.70	61.73	62.55
River management	8.75	7.73	21.88	19.32	43.75	38.64	65.63	57.96
	63.93	34.19	89.40	58.29	131.85	98.56	174.30	138.63

Waitaki Farm

	Amount of rate per CV							
	\$500,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,500,000		\$2,000,000	
	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17
UAGC \$19.27 and Wilding Trees \$2.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.12	21.39	18.21	21.39	18.21
Emergency Management	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-	25.56	-
General Rate	41.15	41.70	82.30	83.40	123.45	125.10	164.60	166.80
River management	43.75	38.64	87.50	77.28	131.25	115.92	175.00	154.56
Rural Water quality	37.95	21.96	75.90	43.91	113.85	65.87	151.80	87.82
Total Rates - Non-Dairy farm	169.80	120.40	292.65	222.71	415.50	325.01	538.35	427.30
Dairy monitoring uniform rate	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00	478.00	325.00
Total Rates - Dairy farm	647.80	445.42	770.65	547.71	893.50	650.01	1,016.35	752.30

Rating Resolution for Adoption

That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the Otago Regional Council Annual Plan 2017/2018, and all other power or authorities in that behalf enabling it, the Otago Regional Council sets the following rates for the period commencing on the 1st day of July 2017 and ending on the 30th day of June 2018, namely:

1. General Rates

A Uniform Annual General Charge set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit within the Otago region, assessed as a fixed amount of \$19.27 per rating unit. Revenue sought from the Uniform Annual General Charge amounts to \$2,091,661.

A general rate set under sections 13 and 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit within the Otago region, assessed differentially on the rateable capital value of all rateable land situated within the territorial authority districts as detailed below:

District	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
Central Otago	0.007622	694,597
Clutha	0.008633	633,360
Dunedin	0.011068	2,504,697
Queenstown Lakes	0.010240	2,009,703
Waitaki	0.008230	432,628
Total		6,274,984

2. River Management Rates

2.1 Territorial Authority Districts

For the purpose of providing for maintenance and enhancement works of waterways within the Otago region, a targeted rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit, assessed differentially on the rateable capital value of all rateable land situated within the territorial authority districts and the Wakatipu and Wanaka River Management rating districts, as detailed below:

District	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
Central Otago District	0.003786	345,000
Clutha District	0.004154	304,750
Dunedin City	0.000762	172,500
Waitaki District	0.008751	460,000
Wakatipu River Management Rating District	0.001303	172,500
Wanaka River Management Rating District	0.003007	192,050
Total		1,646,800

2.2 Lower Waitaki Rating Area

For the purpose of providing for maintenance and enhancement works of waterways within the Lower Waitaki Rating Area, a targeted rate set under sections 16, 17, 18 and 146(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the rating area, assessed differentially on the rateable capital value of all rateable land within the classifications as detailed below:

Lower Waitaki Rating Area		
Classification	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
A	0.108866	90,631
B	0.054422	53,732
Total		144,363

3. Flood Protection and Drainage Scheme Rates

3.1 Lower Clutha, Tokomairiro and Lower Taieri Schemes

For the purpose of providing for the maintenance and improvement of works, in the river and drainage schemes listed below, a targeted rate set under sections 16, 17, 18 and 146(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the scheme area, assessed differentially on the rateable capital value of all rateable land within the scheme classifications as detailed below.

The targeted rates set below are the cents in the dollar on the rateable capital value of rateable land situated within each classification.

Lower Clutha Flood Protection & Drainage Scheme		
Classification	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
A	0.521085	52,207
B	0.206901	131,275
C	0.195407	256,913
D	0.122609	43,656
E	0.065136	38,301
F	0.007663	21,260
U1	0.206902	2,308
U2	0.068967	109,205
U3	0.015326	5,904
U4	0.011494	28,971
Total		690,000

Tokomairiro Drainage Scheme		
Classification	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
A	0.060680	6,784
B	0.045510	12,851
C	0.036408	15,585
D	0.027306	23,962
E	0.015170	10,414
F	0.006068	16,086
U1	0.009102	23,837
Total		109,250

Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme					
Classification	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$	Classification	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
WF1	0.195974	403,328	EF3	0.109924	722
WF2	0.115959	311,969	EF4	0.089234	7,145
WF3	0.001834	190	EF5	0.002480	1,313
WF4	0.002852	170	EF6	0.109698	999
WF5	0.000273	1	EF7	0.001507	483
WF6	0.000324	5	EF8	0.001424	21,053
WF7	0.000174	1	EF9	0.000660	1,679
WF8	0.013764	868	EF10	0.000822	1,124
WF9	0.000108	1	EF12	0.129741	1,478
EF1	0.105618	20,093	EF13	0.129709	2,292
EF2	0.110486	30,087			
				Total	805,001

3.2 East Taieri Scheme

For the purpose of providing for the maintenance and improvement of works, in the East Taieri drainage scheme, the following two rates are set:

Targeted Uniform Rate

A targeted uniform rate of \$26.10 per hectare set under sections 16, 17, 18 and 146(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on all rating units on all land within the scheme area, except for land situated within classifications ED3, ED6 and ED7.

Revenue sought from the targeted uniform rate amounts to \$122,188.

Targeted Differential Rate

A targeted rate set under sections 16, 17, 18 and 146(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the scheme area, except those rating units situated within classifications ED3 and ED6, assessed differentially on the area of land of all rateable land situated within the scheme classifications as detailed below.

The targeted differential rates set below, are the dollars per hectare of rateable land situated within each classification.

East Taieri Drainage Scheme - Targeted Differential Rate		
Classification	Rate \$ per hectare	Revenue Sought \$
ED1	145.23	132,151
ED2	110.78	88,628
ED4	122.44	13,810
ED5	55.23	52,831
ED7	192.52	15,787
ED8	36.64	31,581
ED9	31.78	21,327
ED10	28.24	10,448
Total		366,563

3.3 West Taieri Scheme

For the purpose of providing for the maintenance and improvement of works, in the West Taieri drainage scheme, the following two rates are set:

Targeted Uniform Rate

A targeted uniform rate of \$24.66 per hectare set under sections 16, 17, 18 and 146(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on all rating units on all land situated within classifications WD1, WD2, WD3 and WD4 located within the scheme area.

Revenue sought from the targeted uniform rate amounts to \$178,365.

Targeted Differential Rate

A targeted rate set under sections 16, 17, 18 and 146(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the scheme area, assessed differentially on the area of land of all rateable land situated within the scheme classifications as detailed below.

The targeted differential rates set below, are the dollars per hectare of rateable land situated within each classification.

West Taieri Drainage Scheme - Targeted Differential Rate		
Classification	Rate \$ per hectare	Revenue Sought \$
WD1	78.76	333,815
WD2	21.64	55,941
WD3	58.77	17,865
WD4	78.76	8,412
WD5	0.32	152
Total		416,185

3.4 Leith Flood Protection Scheme

For the purpose of providing for flood protection works, in the Leith Flood Protection scheme area, a targeted rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the scheme area, assessed differentially on the rateable capital value of all rateable land situated within the scheme classifications as detailed below:

Leith Flood Protection Scheme		
Classification	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
A – Direct benefit zone – Excluding Forsyth Barr Stadium	0.090173	753,480
A – Direct benefit zone – Forsyth Barr Stadium only	0.016903	31,395
B – Indirect benefit zone	0.005281	784,875
Total		1,569,750

3.5 Shotover Delta Training Works

For the purpose of providing for flood mitigation works and maintenance of flood mitigation works on the Shotover Delta, a targeted rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the Shotover Flood Mitigation Rating Area, assessed on the rateable capital value of all rateable land situated within the rating district as detailed below:

Shotover Delta Training Works		
	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
All rating units	0.001544	172,500
Total		172,500

4. Transport Services Rates

For the purpose of providing for urban passenger transport services within the Dunedin city area and a service to Palmerston, and public passenger transport services within the Queenstown area, targeted rates set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, made on every rating unit within the transport rating areas, assessed differentially on the rateable capital value of all rateable land situated within the transport rating classifications, as detailed below:

Dunedin Transport Services Rate		
Classification	Cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
Class A	0.065642	1,258,067
Class B (within Dunedin City)	0.017504	2,900,290
Class B (within Waitaki District)	0.018926	18,604
Total		4,176,962

Queenstown Transport Services Rate		
Classification	Cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
Class A	0.010343	186,421
Class B	0.005171	503,703
Total		690,123

5. Rural Water Quality Rate

For the purpose of providing for the monitoring of rural water quality, a targeted rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on the capital value of all rateable land situated within the territorial authority districts within the Otago region, that has a land use type being:

Rural land use types, as follows:

- Rural - Arable Farming
- Rural - Dairy
- Rural - Forestry
- Rural - Market Gardens and Orchards
- Rural - Mineral Extraction
- Rural - Multi-Use within Rural Industry
- Rural - Specialist Livestock
- Rural - Stock Finishing
- Rural - Store Livestock
- Rural - Vacant

Lifestyle land use types, with a land area of 2 hectares or greater, as follows:

- Lifestyle - Multi-Unit
- Lifestyle - Multi-Use within Lifestyle
- Lifestyle - Single Unit
- Lifestyle - Vacant

Rural Water Quality Rate		
	Rate cents in \$ on Capital Value	Revenue Sought \$
Central Otago	0.006915	265,865
Clutha	0.007310	410,281
Dunedin	0.007016	193,827
Queenstown Lakes	0.009915	278,885
Waitaki	0.007586	224,285
Total		1,373,143

6. Dairy Monitoring Rate

For the purpose of providing for monitoring the environmental effect of dairy farms, a targeted uniform rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on all rateable land used for dairy farming in the Otago region.

Dairy Monitoring Rate		
	Uniform rate \$	Revenue Sought \$
All rating units	478.00	215,279
Total		215,279

7. Wilding Trees Rate

For the purpose of providing for the control of wilding trees, a targeted uniform rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on all rateable land in the Otago region.

Wilding Trees Rate		
	Uniform rate \$	Revenue Sought \$
All rating units	2.12	230,000
Total		230,000

8. Civil Defence and Emergency Management Rate

For the purpose of providing for Civil Defence and Emergency Management functions undertaken by the Council, a targeted uniform rate set under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on all rateable land in the Otago region.

Civil Defence and Emergency Management Rate		
	Uniform rate \$	Revenue Sought \$
All rating units	25.56	2,773,333
Total		2,773,333

9. Other Matters

9.1 Rate Collection

That the Otago Regional Council collects the rates set and assessed in the Otago Region, and that the rates become due and payable on or before 31 October 2017.

9.2 Penalties on Unpaid Rates

Pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, penalties will be added to unpaid rates assessed by the Council within the Otago region and due to the Council during the 2017/2018 financial year as follows:

- (a) A penalty of 10% to be added to rates assessed during the 2017/2018 financial year, or any previous financial year, and which remain unpaid on 1 November 2017.
- (b) A penalty of 10% to be added to rates which have been levied in any previous financial year and which remain unpaid on 1 May 2018.

Penalties will not be added to rate balances where the ratepayer has elected the tri-annual direct debit option of payment and where all payments under this payment option are honoured on the due payment date.

The amount of unpaid rates to which a penalty shall be added shall include:

- Any penalty previously added to unpaid rates under Section 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
- Any additional charges previously added to the amount of unpaid rates, and under Section 132 of the Rating Powers Act 1988.
- Any rates previously levied under the Rating Powers Act 1988 that remain unpaid.

9.3 Valuation and Rating Records

That the valuation rolls and rates records for the rates collected by the Otago Regional Council be made available for inspection during normal working hours at the office of the Council, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin.

REPORT

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Subject: **Review of Committee Structure and Names**

1. Committee Structure and Names

At the 2nd of November 2016 Council meeting the committee structure, purpose and membership was put in place. During debate a view was expressed that following a settling in period we should review the committee structure and names in June 2017.

The recommendation *“That the committee structure, purpose and membership as set out in this report be adopted and a review of the structure and committee names be held in June 2017”* was recorded.

Discussion

The structure and purpose of our committees is reviewed three yearly at the start of each triennium. As a result of changes to Council work streams and director responsibilities, there have been various changes over the last nine years. For example, as the demand for consents lessened the Consents Committee workload dropped and that committee has been incorporated with Compliance into the Regulatory Committee. A change in director responsibilities resulted in the Engineering and Hazards Committee and the Natural Resources Committee, which had previously been the Environmental Science Committee, being combined into the Technical Committee. As a result of a need to provide a greater focus on our community and stakeholder engagement, including public information and education, publications and media, Council put in place a Communications Committee in 2013.

Director responsibilities are one of the things Council should take into account with respect to alignment with Committees. Our Chief Executive has recently created a position of Director of People and Capability. This position has internally focused management responsibilities for human resources, health and safety and staff training. The reporting of this directorship’s work will flow through the CE reports and the Audit & Risk Subcommittee reports to Finance and Corporate Committee.

Council has also kept an eye on best practice as it evolves. As a result of increasing financial management regulation and compliance, changes in legislation and accountabilities, e.g. health and safety and the impending retirement of the Director Finance and Corporate, Council reacted during 2014 and put in place an Audit and Risk Subcommittee as a subcommittee of Finance and Corporate. This subcommittee has an independent chair. Alongside this, Mr Bodeker has put considerable focus on health and safety across the organisation and reports the outcomes of this project through his CE’s report.

Following the first five committee meetings of this triennium, our committees have settled into their programme. I believe the structure is relevant currently with no obvious opportunities or issues. The name of our various committees are relevant to the work streams they undertake.

Recommendation

1. The report is noted.
2. That the structure and committee names remain unchanged.

2. Committee Membership

With the declaration of the result of the by-election in the Dunstan constituency, it is now appropriate to review the Technical Committee chair and deputy chair appointments and the membership of the various reference groups.

The work and responsibilities of Council always takes newly elected councillors some time to understand. At the start of the new triennium there was a comprehensive induction, including briefings on the directorship roles and responsibilities; time is spent ensuring a good understanding of the various aspects of regional council work. The development of our Annual Plan with numerous workshops also starts immediately following the election in October. These processes are all part of the focus that the Chief Executive and Chair put in place to ensure the governance team settles in efficiently.

I have asked the deputy chair, Cr Robertson to assist me alongside staff, to work with the newly elected councillor over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition into the ORC governance team.

At the start of the triennium we put in place five reference groups. They are functioning well with only the Coastal Reference Group yet to meet. Current membership of reference groups is as follows:

- *Pests*: Cr Noone (Chair), Cr Brown, Cr Bell and Cr Hope, Cr Laws, Cr Scott.
- *Biodiversity*: Cr Robertson (Chair), Cr Deaker, Cr Kempton.
- *Coast*: Cr Neill (Chair), Cr Kempton, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott.
- *Building*: Cr Brown (Chair), Cr Bell, Cr Deaker, Cr Woodhead.
- *Urban Water Quality*: Cr Scott (Chair), Cr Hope, Cr Robertson, Cr Woodhead.

I recommend that the councillor elected as a result of the by-election is appointed to the Biodiversity and Urban Water Quality Reference Groups.

Terms of Reference for Reference Groups

1. The formation and Council membership of a group is to be approved by Council resolution at any time during a triennium.
2. The group's role is to develop first cut principles and define the scope of Council policy, resource plans or project.
3. Membership will be a mix of councillors and staff with a councillor appointed by Council resolution as Chairperson. Staff membership is at the discretion of the Chief Executive.
4. The reference group will have a defined timeframe and point in the process to complete its work.
5. The reference group will report its work or recommendations to the relevant Council Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Cr Noone be elected as Chair and Cr _____ as Deputy Chair of the Technical Committee.
3. That Cr _____ be appointed to the Biodiversity and Urban Water Quality Reference Groups.

Cr Stephen Woodhead
Chairperson

REPORT

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Subject: **Elected Members' Expenses, Reimbursements and Allowances Policy**

1. Précis

The expenses regime for elected members is determined by Council and approved by the Remuneration Authority (the Authority). The Authority offers guidance to assist Council in their expense policy setting process, and to promote consistency across Local Government. The Authority recently issued a consultation document on proposed changes to their 2017 determination which was discussed by this Council at the 17 May Council meeting. As part of that discussion, staff were asked to bring a draft expense policy back to Council.

2. Expenses, Reimbursements and Allowances Policy

The current policy for expenses, reimbursements and allowances is attached. This policy was endorsed by the Remuneration Authority prior to the start of the current financial year. This policy largely adopts the recommendations of the Authority with respect to rates and amounts to be paid, and those amounts are then updated when the Authority issues updated guidelines.

The main issue that arises is around the definition of Council business and when the claiming of the expense or allowance is permitted. Staff noted in the previous paper regarding the Authority's consultation document, that guidance by the Authority would be useful.

The Authority considers that a Councillor's core role includes constituency business, particularly under representation and advocacy. Therefore, it is included within a Councillor's base remuneration and does not warrant additional remuneration/payment. The Authority's description of a Councillor's base role is appended to this paper.

The current expense policy aligns with this and the principles in the policy state:

Reimbursement of expenses incurred is available where required by virtue of membership for Council and Committee meetings, workshops, consent hearings and Council approved representation, but not for constituency activity including invitation from constituency groups, or general Council invitations.

Staff have applied this to include meetings where Councillors are appointed as a representative of Council, which includes the appointments made at the 7 December 2016 Council meeting and other appointments Council may make from time to time, i.e. appointment to the Annual Plan hearings panel.

Invitations Councillors receive directly to attend meetings and events are deemed constituency related and are not claimable. It is noted that the majority of requests for Council representation at meetings are received via the Chief Executive or Chair who then determine

the appropriate person to attend as Council's representative. In cases where a Councillor's attendance is required, it is usually the Chair who attends, however, if the Chair and CE determined another Councillor should attend then this would be considered Council business and expenses would be claimable.

Additionally meetings run by Council staff with the public are also considered constituency related and while Councillors are advised of these meetings and are welcome to attend, this is considered part of the representation and advocacy requirements of their role and no additional costs are claimable. This includes attendance at hearings unless the Councillor is appointed as a member of the hearings panel.

Council may wish to amend this application or alternatively determine a mechanism to allow other meetings to be considered Council business from time to time. A list of upcoming meetings is provided to the Communications Committee and this may be an appropriate place to consider granting other meetings Council business status.

A summary of the key expenses and allowances provided in the current policy is outlined in the sections that follow.

3. Vehicle Mileage Allowance

A vehicle mileage allowance is payable to members for private vehicle use when on Council business, and where transport is not otherwise provided.

The allowance is payable subject to the deduction of a daily 'threshold' distance of 30 kilometres. Note the threshold only applies for travel to and from the Council office, i.e. Stafford Street, and for travel to other locations no threshold is deducted.

The rates payable are 74c per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres in any one year, and 37c per kilometre for distances over 5,000 kilometres in any year. The higher payment level is pro-rated in the current year for members first elected in the 2016 triennium elections.

4. Travel Time Allowance

Associated with the vehicle mileage allowance, a travel time allowance is payable to a member where travel exceeds one hour in any day.

The amount payable is \$37.50 per hour.

5. Communications

The policy takes account of the expectations of the Authority and the provision to Councillors of an iPad for communication and distribution of meeting reports. Key aspects of the Policy are:

- A Council supplied iPad and printer are provided to Councillors, with an allowance available to those who wish to utilise their own equipment, providing that equipment is to an acceptable level of consistency with the Council supplied equipment. The Council provided iPads include Wi-Fi connection.
- The Authority is of the view that an appropriate level of reimbursement for internet access is no more than 25% of the cost (to a maximum of \$250), as most of the cost would be incurred for personal use in any event.

- The Authority also recognises that mobile phones are increasingly used as the primary form of phone communication. They note that costs may vary depending on the type of plan and usage and will approve a maximum allowance of \$400 per annum to cover Council generated calls.

A communication allowance of \$500 per annum is payable towards Councillor provision of phone, internet access and call and data costs.

6. Chairperson

In recognition of the nature of the Chairperson's wider Council role, the following additional entitlements are available:

- Provision of a Council vehicle in accordance with the Remuneration Authority use formula.
- Provision of a cell phone, including call and data costs.
- Membership of Air New Zealand Koru Club.
- Membership of the Dunedin Club.
- Full iPad connectivity.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That this report be received.
- 7.2 That the expenses, reimbursements and allowances policy is discussed, amended if required, and adopted.

Nick Donnelly
Director Corporate Services

Attached: Expenses Reimbursements and Allowances Policy (A564194)

Appendix: Remuneration Authority Councillor Base Role Description

<http://remauthority.govt.nz/local-government/remuneration-for-councillors/councillor-base-role-description/>

Councillor base role description

The Remuneration Authority considers these responsibilities to be part of the base role of a councillor.

Collective duties of the council

- Representing the interests of the council.
- Formulating the council's strategic direction and relative priorities through the Long Term Plan (LTP), which determines the services and activities to be undertaken by council over a ten-year period.
- Determining the expenditure and funding requirements of council activities through the LTP and annual planning processes.
- Overseeing, developing and/or approving all council policies, administrative, legal, financial and strategic, including formal regional, city and/or district planning matters within the council's geographical area of responsibility.
- Monitoring the on-going performance of council against its stated objectives and policies (including formal sign-off of the Annual Report).
- Ensuring prudent use of council resources.
- Law-making (bylaws).
- Overseeing council compliance with any relevant acts of Parliament.
- Employing, setting performance requirements for, and monitoring the on-going performance of the council's Chief Executive. (Under the Local Government Act 2002, the local authority employs the Chief Executive who, in turn, employs all other staff on its behalf. Elected members of council have no responsibilities for, and cannot direct, any staff employed by the council other than the Chief Executive.

Representation and advocacy

- Bringing the views of the community into council decision-making processes.
- Being an advocate for community groups and individuals at council meetings.
- Balancing the need to advocate for specific interests against the needs of the wider community.
- Listening to the concerns of local residents and ratepayers on issues pertaining to the council.
- Maintaining contact with community representatives and other local stakeholders.
- Participating in any relevant consultative processes with the local community and/or other organisations.

Governance

- Participating constructively and effectively in the good governance of the council as a whole.
- Understanding and ensuring that basic principles of good governance are a part of the decision-making approach of the council.
- Understanding and respecting the differing roles of Mayor (or Chair for a regional council), Deputy Mayor, committee chairs/portfolio holders and Councillors.
- Recognising that the governance role does not extend to operational matters or to the management of any implementation.
- Having a good understanding of the council processes set out in the Standing Orders that determine how council meetings are run.
- Developing and maintaining a working knowledge of council services, management processes, powers, duties and constraints.
- Participating in the setting and monitoring of council policies, budgets, strategies and service delivery through annual and long-term planning processes.
- Ensuring familiarity with agendas and other council reports before council meetings.
- Being familiar with and complying with the statutory requirements of an elected Councillor.
- Complying with the Code of Conduct adopted by the council.
- Identifying, being aware of and declaring any potential personal conflicts of interest, whether of a pecuniary or non-pecuniary nature.

Expenses, Reimbursements and Allowances Policy

The following is the expenses regime for elected members of the Otago Regional Council.

Principles

- Reimbursement of expenses incurred is available where required by virtue of membership for Council and Committee meetings, workshops, consent hearings and Council approved representation, but not for constituency activity including invitation from constituency groups, or general Council invitations.
- All claims to be made by Councillors on the claim form provided. Expense claims will not be automatically generated by staff. Claims will be approved by the Director Corporate Services.
- Claims must be signed to provide an appropriate certificate that the expenses were incurred on Council approved business, and not otherwise contributed to by other parties.
- Travel shall be shared where practicable. Where by virtue of private arrangements a Councillor chooses not to utilise Council provided or shared travel, expenses shall not be reimbursed.
- Accommodation and travel arrangements to be made through Corporate Services.
- Basis of reimbursement is actual and reasonable.
- Claims to be supported by receipted GST invoices.
- Costs of spouse/partner accompaniment to be met privately.
- Where Council provided transport is available and not used, mileage allowance is not claimable.
- Claims for travel to be based on distance from normal residences, or such shorter distance as may be involved.
- Claims should be made as soon as is practicable following the meeting or activity claimed for.

Specific Considerations

Motor Vehicle Mileage Allowance

That the maximum motor vehicle allowance authorised by the Remuneration Authority be paid for qualifying travel in excess of the threshold distance determined by the Authority.

Travel Time Allowance

That the allowable travel time allowance for qualifying travel be paid in accordance with the Remuneration Authority guidelines noting the threshold to be applied.

Communications

- iPads to be purchased for each Councillor. Ownership to be retained by the Council.
- An appropriate printer/scanner to be purchased for the use of each Councillor. Ownership to be retained by Council.
- Costs of consumables for Council use to be met by the Council.

- Where personal iPads and printers are preferred by a Councillor, and are acceptable to the Council, an allowance of \$200 per annum be paid.
- A communication allowance of \$500 per annum be paid towards phone, internet access and call and data costs.

Incidental Costs

Incidental costs such as accommodation, meals, fares and other such costs incurred on Council business are recoverable on an actual and reasonable basis.

Such claims to be supported by GST invoices, and approved by the Chief Executive or Director Corporate Services.

Where a Councillor chooses to stay privately when otherwise Council provided accommodation would be required, an allowance of \$65 per night is payable.

Unforeseen Expenses and Costs

Any unforeseen expenses or costs of any Councillor related to Council activities, except for constituency work, may be made at the discretion of the Chief Executive or Director Corporate Services.

Chairperson

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- Provision of a Council vehicle in accordance with the Remuneration Authority's use formula.
- Provision of a cell phone including call and data costs.
- Membership of Air New Zealand Koru Club.
- Membership of the Dunedin Club.
- iPad connectivity.

REPORT

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Prepared For: Council

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Date: 20 June 2017

Subject: **Cosy Homes Trust Proposal for Clean Heat Clean Air Programme**

1. Précis

Council's clean air implementation project involves advancing the use of cleaner air technologies in homes, by contributing funding for the installation of clean heating appliances in Airzone 1 and Milton. Funding is provided to home owners from the Clean Heat, Clean Air reserve, which was established from targeted rates collected from Airzone 1 and Milton ratepayers.

The purpose of this paper is to present to council a proposal that has been received by the Cosy Homes Charitable Trust to administer a pilot programme to assist with clean heating in Milton.

2. Background

The Cosy Homes Trust was established in 2015, with the aim of upgrading poor quality homes in Dunedin, focusing on insulation and clean heating. The Trust is supported by a wide range of organisations and businesses in Dunedin.

The Cosy Homes Trust is now wishing to further its objectives of improving the health and warmth of the region's housing stock. It is proposing running a pilot programme in Milton which would utilise ORC's Clean Heat, Clean Air reserve.

3. Proposal

The Cosy Homes Trust is proposing to lead and administer a pilot programme targeting at least 50 homes in Milton that have non-compliant heating appliances, and /or are under insulated or have no insulation.

The Trust is also proposing to:

- hold a Clean Heat/Clean Air Expo in Milton with all heating vendors and other interested/appropriate parties,
- recruit for additional subsidy funding for insulation work, and
- liaise with Clutha District Council to allow access to the new Voluntary Targeted Rates programme for any costs to residents that may exceed the subsidies offered.

The Trusts goals are:

- To replace 50 non-compliant burners in Milton
- To insulate 50 homes in Milton
- To improve air quality in Milton
- To improve the health and warmth of homes in Milton
- To develop a Clean Heat/Clean Air programme that can be scaled and replicated across other Airzone 1 towns

Cosy Homes has selected Milton as the pilot town for this joint initiative, as it considers that it has the highest social needs of all the towns in Airzone 1 and Milton.

The Trust is proposing to utilise ORC's Clean Heat Clean Air reserve to achieve its goal of replacing 50 non-compliant burners in Milton. This is in line with ORC's programme which involves providing a subsidy to anyone in Airzone 1 and Milton who is replacing a non – compliant burner with a compliant heating appliance (burner, heat pump etc.). The subsidy provided is \$1,500 if a community services card is held, otherwise it is \$1,200.

The Trust will promote the scheme, approve applications, liaise with installers, and then forward approved invoices to ORC for payment. It will report to ORC on a monthly basis on its activity in the Milton area.

The Trust is also proposing to work with council's stakeholder engagement team on producing a clean heat, clean air pamphlet and other marketing and communications activities as appropriate.

Note is made that the Clean Heat, Clean Air reserve has a balance of approximately \$500,000. Staff recommend accepting the Cosy Homes Trust proposal to advance the pilot programme in Milton. The work proposed will assist improving air quality in the Milton area, and will be an appropriate use of the reserve.

4. Recommendation

1. That this report be received.
2. That the Otago Regional Council accepts the proposal from the Cosy Homes Trust.

Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive

Report back from Councillors

Local Government Water Forum: 29-30 May 2017

Brief Notes by Gretchen Robertson

A broader summary of the workshop with presentations where available will be provided online through LGNZ.

200 delegates from central, local and regional government, Iwi, primary sector, research, and broader freshwater management organisations attended the forum.

ORC Attendees: Cr Stephen Woodhead, Cr Gretchen Robertson

Lawrence Yule:

Opening remarks

"When the economy is strong people are interested in value based things like water". This was challenged later, as to whether this is a permanent shift rather than temporary.

"We shouldn't jump to who is going to pay – we should set high level aspirations together".

LGNZ think we need a holistic framework 'Water 2050' programme.

Closing remarks

Noted that there have been some key players in society who have at times been challenging and alone. He signaled Guy Salmon (Ecologic) and Bryce Johnson (Fish and Game) and noted particularly that Guy Salmon's *"time has come, he was right"*.

"The public is there, whether we like it or not. The public care and it matters."

"We have to measure and meet targets. We have to be brave. We have an opportunity. We have a non-hierarchical society and we can make it work".

"Where we have come from and where we are going are totally different."

"Iwi will be and need to be involved. Co-governance and wider conversations need to occur."

"Can science really deliver the cake and let us eat it too?"

"There is generational change and expectations."

"Councils need to make the hard decisions, especially when we know the answers now".

"Need to better depreciate water infrastructure."

"Governance is not about being popular."

“Change from accusations to aspirations.”

Tina Porou

Spoke about ‘Te Mana O Te Wai’. Outlined the Iwi Chairs Forum (70 Iwi) addressing environment, whanau ora, economic and constitutional.

Rights and Interests need to shift to “responsibilities” too.

Over a 10 year horizon we need compulsory water redistribution through RMA changes. The first come first serve system as excluded Tangata whenua over time. Settlement has re-allocated land but it is stranded dry, is this fair?

Nick Smith

Urged everyone to read the Parliamentary Advisor’s report on Freshwater ‘New Zealand’s fresh waters: Values, state, trends and human impacts’. Noted the RMA is working well for point source discharges (success for LG and RMA). Both urban and rural need to address water quality.

Pamu Farms (Landcorp) – Steve Carden

Our extreme intensification model (last 30 years) will not sustain us into the future.

Food has become a lot cheaper over the past 100 years. This is not realistic.

Fertiliser based system is not sustainable (fertiliser is a fossil fuel).

Need 60% more food by 2050 with less land, less water, less fertilizer, fewer pesticides.

Changes to farming model required

1. Get real about the true cost of food.
2. Change our diets (more vegetable components, cellular agriculture)
3. Produce the most valuable food
4. Produce different food
 - Pamu are converting their dairy farms to organic
 - E.g. spring sheep milk company
 - Going to try producing deer milk for cosmetics
 - See mixed farming models a lot more prevalent into the future
5. Precision farming – efficiency gains
6. Different conversations around food and water. Open conversations with community and kids.

Ministry for the Environment:

Alice Bradley

Working closely with MPI on the Water Directive.

Investing in 'on the ground' change. They have 'Good Farming Practice' and 'Behavior Change' projects running.

Martin Workman:

Developing policy on fair and sustainable water use and urban issues.
Increased focus around on the ground action and using the data we already have more fully (e.g. precision farming and targeted action).

Prof David Maidment, University of Texas

Looked at extrapolating LAWA hydrology data for a national water model for NZ. The model would be able to predict hydrological responses to weather events etc. Suggests we have the correct data formats and information already and this would be possible. There was enthusiasm from the sector for assessing the idea.

Sir Peter Glukman: Science advisor to the Prime minister

Encouraged us all to view his report on <http://www.pmcsa.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/PMCSA-Freshwater-Report.pdf>

We have thought of water as closed up and untouchable 'national parks' or 'open for exploitation'. We need to think of these as linked and it's a national debate we are coming to.

We should not ignore our cultural and social aspirations, which are strong, and valid, this is Maori and other cultures.

Catchment by catchment we need to assess what is actually possible and within what timeframe. If we don't know what is going on we can't monitor it.

There has been a "spray and pray mentality" going on in the South Island with water management.

Feels with precision technology we can have the same economy and good water quality.

We can reduce stock head numbers by 20-25% with technological change.

There is a switch to synthetic meat and more cereal cropping.

Has approached the PM for a science advisor on urban and regional issues.

The 'World Sustainability Goals' are worth looking at.

"Not about any particular standard, it's about progressive improvement. Where quality is not good enough we need the trend to be moving in the right direction".

Dr Rolleston- Federated Farmers.

"Farmers hate being told what to do. Give them a problem and they'll fix it. Problems are solved when they are led from the ground/catchment level".

Dairy NZ**Adrienne Brockstopp**

"Farmers need good information to make changes or they won't act. However more information doesn't necessarily mean more change. It's about how we work with this info. Dairy NZ already have all the information on their website. Farmers need less than 5 key actions to do."

There are 6 Dairy NZ Sustainable Milk Plans in Otago compared with 420 in Horizons and 232 in Canterbury. There are now consultants with effluent system accreditation. Nutrient management advisor accreditation is already in place too. WoF checks for effluent systems can be sought too.

Bruce Thorrold

"Need to show people we can do things, we know what we're doing and we are onto it."

"Need to reset the way we dairy farm while we figure out what else to do. For example ¼ of land in Southland is dairied that potentially could be. People don't want to dairy."

Challenged the LG sector as to whether they are ready for change in landuse and nutrient output in the next 5 years as the sector will be.

Chris Keenan - Horticulture NZ

"People don't like readdressing issues. They need the message it's going to be about continual improvement. Everyone needs a feedback loop to assess changes they are making. The horticulture sector like a minimum standard (e.g. environmental bottom line) that everyone needs to meet as it is fair. Regulation, enforcement and market value are all drivers but one of the strongest drivers is families and kids. Lifestyle and doing what is right is a strong theme".

Irrigation NZ - Andrew Curtis

Irrigation is 2.4% of GDP. 'SMART' Irrigation certification is now available. Standards and codes of practice are being promoted.

There are 3 changes drivers for irrigation. Regulatory, including the price of water and the certainty of supply. Social, including personal circumstance and workplace culture. Economic, the benefits available over projected timeframes.

There is a role for Local Government assisting to rationalize and optimize community monitoring efforts. E.g. in the Waitaki there are 1000 monitored

sites. Community could do the monitoring but it would be useful for councils to assist in design given their scientific expertise.

Beef and Lamb - Dave Harrison

Potential game changes in the sector include: virtual fencing (collared animals), cost effective measurement tools, farmer capability increases.

We have numbers/standards/losses but we need to focus on clear simple visions for what we are trying to do. People need to “buy back in”.

Tipa Mahuta

Need to tell a story of human connection with water. Challenged each region to go away and tell their regional water story. We all have our own water stories, which are important and add strength with ensuring we also tell our Iwi stories.

Feels water management can fall into the ‘complexity is a reason for inaction’ category.

Kevin Hackwell – Forest and Bird

The future is about “system reset”. The big picture.

Issues of both Urban Growth and Rural Impacts.

Volume production needs to move to value production. E.g. the Landcorp system reset.

Tatua Milk given as an example. The model did 10x as well as Fonterra in the previous season. Fonterra’s accord with the Government needs to be reset re their collection requirements.

Wants a price on water.

Wants a price on pollution so that costs to the environment are not externalised.

Dr Mike Beare – Plant and Food Research

‘Our Land and Water Science Challenge’ – aims to enhance productivity while improving water quality etc.

Need greater value in global markets, innovative resilient land and water use, collaboration.

LAWA

Noted that work is already underway on potentially using it for hydro modeling platform and biodiversity portal (biosecurity could be included too).

Environment Southland

Gave a presentation on their collaborative model for science in Southland. They have co-developed a network to deliver monitoring and modeling with e.g. Dairy NZ, science providers, etc. Continuous N monitoring at their telemetry sites.

Auckland Council

Spoke of the magnitude of the urban water quality issue for them. They are investing \$1B in a single central interceptor project to deal with an overflow channel. This was minor investment compared with other work streams (e.g. transport).

Colin James and Mark Blackman – Media Commentators

How do we tell out real freshwater story to NZ when fresh clean safe water is still our brand?

Councils are looking disorientated and hurt.

Society has shifted and is now: Yes to 'protect' and no to 'social license to farm'.

Treasury is toying with wellbeing economics: society wants more than simply to be wealthy.

Indicators of a more environmentally focused national Governance and likely Greens/Labour change by 2020.

Trend to a bottom up democracy.

Recommendations of Committees

Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 June 2017

Item 1

2017/0838 **2017/18 Annual Plan - Recommendations from the Hearing Committee.**
DCS, 29/05/17

Moved Cr Robertson
Seconded Cr Laws

That a full time presence and full time office be based in Queenstown area with the CEO to establish staffing.

Moved Cr Bell
Seconded Cr Laws

That lagarosiphon control should be funded from a regional rate rather than on a sub-regional rate basis.

Motion Carried

Moved Cr Brown
Seconded Cr Woodhead

- 1. That this report be received.*
- 2. That the recommendations of the Hearing Committee within this report (including resolutions from the meeting), and within the summary of submissions be endorsed.*
- 3. That it is financially prudent to have an operating deficit in the 2017/18 financial year.*
- 4. That the amendments to the Schedule of Fees and Charges be endorsed.*
- 5. That the 2017/18 Annual Plan, incorporating the recommendations from the Hearing Committee be placed before the June Council meeting for adoption.*
- 6. That the 2017/18 Rates Resolution be placed before the June Council meeting for adoption.*

Motion carried

Item 2

2017/0833 **Regional Public Transport Plan Otago 2014 Draft Addendum Concord – Green Island Community Link 2017.** Hearing Panel Chair, Cr Robertson, 29/05/17

Moved Cr Robertson
Seconded Cr Noone

- a) *That Council receive this report.*
- b) *That Council reinstate the Concord – Green Island community link as an extension to the Number 70 Brighton – Abbotsford bus service, Unit 5.*
- c) *That Council adopt “The Otago Regional Council Regional Public Transport Plan 2014 Addendum: Concord – Green Island Community Link - May 2017” attached as Appendix 3.*

Motion carried**Item 3**

2017/0859 **Arthur Street, Canongate, Russell Street Community Survey – Bus Service.** DCS, 09/06/17

Moved Cr Kempton
Seconded Cr Woodhead

That Council:

- a) *Receives this report.*
- b) *That Canongate, Russell Street and Arthur Street **are not** included in Route 19.*

Voting by division.
For 6, against 4

Motion carried**Item 4**

2017/0853 **Director’s Report – June 2017.** DCS, 01/06/17

Moved Cr Hope
Seconded Cr Neill

- a) *That this report be received.*
- b) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the payment schedule, totalling \$3,673,184.26, be endorsed.*

Motion carried

Item 5

2017/0872 **Public Transport Update – June 2017** DCS, 09/06/17

Moved Cr Kempton

Seconded Cr Scott

That Council receives this report.

Motion carried

Item 6

2017/0858 **Financial Report to 30 April 2017.** DCS, 08/06/17

Moved Cr Kempton

Seconded Cr Woodhead

That the report be received.

Motion carried

**Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held
on Wednesday 14 June 2017**

Item 1

2017/0802 **Director's report on progress, DEHS, 08/06/17**

Moved Cr Scott
Seconded Cr Hope

That the report is noted

Motion carried

Item 2

2017/0844 **Trophic Level Status of Lake Waipori and Lake Waihola, DEHS, 08/06/17**

Moved Cr Neill
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report and the technical report "Trophic Level Status of Lake Waipori and Lake Waihola" are received and noted.

Motion Carried

Item 3

2017/0848 **Waiwera River Catchment Water Quality Study, DEHS, 02/06/17**

Moved Cr Noone
Seconded Cr Bell

That this report and the technical report "Water Quality Study: Waiwera River Catchment" are received and noted.

That a Stakeholder Engagement proposal is brought to the next Communications round.

Motion Carried

**Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee
Wednesday 14 June 2017**

Item 1

2017/0803 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report. DEMO, 31/05/17**

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report is received.

Motion Carried

Item 2

2017/0813 **RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities for the period from 14 April to 26 May 2017. DPPRM, 26/05/17**

Moved Cr Neill
Seconded Cr Kempton

That this report be noted.

Motion Carried

Item 3

2017/0835 **Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 29/05/17**

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report be noted

Motion Carried

Item 4

2017/0819 **Progress Report 1C - Deemed Permit Replacements and Water Groups, DPPRM, 24/05/17**

Moved Cr Robertson
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report is noted.

Motion Carried

**Recommendations of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 14 June 2017**

Item 1

2017/0867

Plan Change 1D: Flow Requirements for River Takes. DPPRM, 09/06/17

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Scott

That Council resolve to proceed with Plan Change 1D: Flow Requirements for River Takes.

Motion carried

Moved Cr Laws
Seconded Cr Bell

That a draft Communications strategy to explain Plan Change 1D be provided to the next round of Council meetings.

Motion Carried.

Item 2

2017/0820

Director's Report on policy progress to May 2017. DPPRM, 26/05/17

Moved Cr Scott
Seconded Cr Noone

- a) *That the report on home heating is received.*
- b) *That this report is noted.*

Motion carried

**Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting
held on Wednesday 14 June 2017**

Item 1

2017/0814 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 26/05/2017

Moved Cr Noone
Seconded Cr Neill

That this report be noted.

Motion carried