

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT 10.55AM ON WEDNESDAY 21  
OCTOBER 2009 IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,  
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor N Pablecheque (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors B Woods, D Holmes, J Macphail, J Diver.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors M McChesney, J Ransley.

*Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that apologies be accepted.*

**1. FINANCE REPORTS**

The Chief Executive Officer advised for the three months to date income was slightly up and expenditure was slightly down. Revenue from commercial activities was down \$26,197; this was due to the distribution from the Marlborough Regional Forestry being less than projected. He further advised in terms of the Long Term Council Community Plan Council had budgeted to receive no money from development contributions however; \$75,000 had been received to date.

The Chief Executive Officer advised auditors were currently at Council offices auditing the Annual Report. It was noted the Annual Report was required to be adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. He advised investment properties were required to be valued on an annual basis and values had reduced this year. The Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009 showed a loss of \$800,000. \$900,000 was a reduction in valuations and did not effect cash positions. He advised the previous year there had been a surplus of \$2.9million.

The Library Building had previously been listed as an investment property and Audit New Zealand had recommended the Library Building be reclassified as an operational asset given the building was now fully occupied by the library. The reclassification would mean the library building would no longer appear in the quarterly investment reports and all revenue and expenditure relating directly to property ownership would be disclosed under community facilities in the monthly statements.

**2. QUARTERLY REPORTS**

The Chief Executive Officer advised in terms of the Liability Management Policy, compliance interest rates exposure still exceeded policy limits in some areas. It was noted when loans fell due they would be spread over the shorter terms to meet policy requirements. Council was well within its borrowing limits.

### **3. LIBRARY REPORT**

It was noted book issues for the library were holding up well and there were a number of school groups visiting the library. Councillor Woods advised Library staff were doing well getting the latest books into the library.

*Moved by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the Finance Report, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Corporate Services Budget Report, Library Report, Investment Property Report Valuations Report, Investment Quarterly Report, Liability Management Compliance Report, Special Funds Quarterly Report, Development Contributions Quarterly Report, Traffic Quarterly Report and the Housing for the Elderly Report be received.*

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.26am*