

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 10.32AM ON WEDNESDAY 16
MARCH 2011 IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor N Pablecheque (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors S Burrows, J Diver, G Harmon, D Holmes, J Macphail, D Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), S Poulsen (Finance Manager).

1. FINANCE REPORTS

The Finance Manager advised the cash balance was increasing however a cash advance had been required to fund day to day expenses as the bulk of funds received related to special funds and reserves which must be set aside for specific purposes.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the Finance Policy and the targeted rates legislation meant money collected from targeted rates and special fund areas could only be spent in those areas. For this to be done differently the Finance Policy would need to be changed. He noted in the past money raised for specific purposes had been used for operational purposes which had caused problems. The Chief Executive Officer felt Council would be in for another tight year in terms of the economy as a whole.

There was a net surplus of \$866,895 at the end of February which was better than anticipated. Expenditure was relatively close to budget and was within budget for all expense types.

Moved by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the Finance Report, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Corporate Services Budget Report and Library Report be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.38am.