

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 11.56AM ON
THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2006 IN MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor J Macphail (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors M Pablecheque, J Diver, B Woods, S Thomas, M McChesney.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), S Poulsen (Finance Officer).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor Seddon.

1. FINANCE REPORTS

The Finance Reports were presented by the Chief Executive Officer. It was noted the Statement of Financial Position differed from the previous month due to development contributions being removed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council was invoicing development contributions at the time of granting resource consents at which time Council was required to pay Goods & Services Tax on invoices issued. As applicants were allowed 5 years to implement their resource consent this method had since been changed and development contribution assessments were now sent to applicants when title was granted. This allowed for the Goods & Services Tax component of the invoice not payable by Council until issuing and payment of the invoice was received.

Councillor Macphail asked if there was any way development contributions could be assessed as he felt it was integral to planning. The Chief Executive Officer advised a report could be provided on the quantity of assessments that had been sent out on a quarterly or six month basis.

Councillor Diver requested a report also be supplied on contributions to community facilities.

Councillor Woods noted refuse and recycling spending appeared high in the divisional summary for the financial year. The Chief Executive Officer advised additional work was now being undertaken by Innovative Waste Kaikoura in terms of pickups and collections. He further advised in developing an additional cell, two cells were developed rather than one, however spending would no doubt be down in the next financial year as a result of that.

Councillor Macphail noted Statutory Planning expenditure appeared rather high. The Chief Executive Officer advised it was for

Environment Court fees relating to resource consent applications which were unfortunately unrecoverable.

Councillor Diver noted at the bottom of the resource consent application form it stated full and reasonable costs would be recovered from the applicant. The Chief Executive Officer advised that related purely to the application itself and there was no recovery capacity in terms of objections.

The Chief Executive Officer advised in some cases costs were borne from getting legal advice which was undertaken in order to be proactive and avoid going to the Environment Court. He further noted once the District Plan was fully operative it may remove potential litigation.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the Finance Report, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Corporate Services Budget Report and Quotable Value Report be received.

2. PENSIONER HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPORT

Included in the agenda was a report on pensioner housing maintenance as requested at the meeting of 20 April 2006. The Chief Executive Officer advised upgrading of pensioner housing was ongoing.

Councillor Woods noted a Council staff member put in a terrific amount of time into the pensioner flats and suggested the committee may need to look at using some of the funds generated from the flats to assist as presently all work was undertaken by one dedicated staff member.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.28pm.