

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 11.25AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Councillor J Howden (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, C Mackle, D Millton, D Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), S Poulsen (Finance Manager), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

1. FINANCE REPORTS

The Finance Manger provided an overview of the Finance Report and associated financial statements. There had been a drop in cash and trade receivables. Cash had been used to repay loans totalling \$317,000. A loan of \$500,000 had been drawn to match the payment to the Canterbury District Health Board. Finances were currently better than had been forecast. The remaining write offs for the Civic Centre were yet to be accounted for.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the Finance Reports be received.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the Library Report be received.

2. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Investment Quarterly Report

Bank deposits were considerably less than the previous December. This was attributed to using cash to repay debt.

The sale of the Clarence forest meant the report now highlighted the low value and low return of the South Bay forest which suggested its value was recreational rather than financial. Likewise the land behind 20 Beach Road was not generating any revenue and the proposed development of the site was unlikely to progress therefore it was recommended that both properties be reclassified as recreational reserves and excluded from future reports.

A discussion was held regarding potential uses for both sites and possible exchange of reserve land.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the matter of the land behind 20 Beach Road and the South Bay Forest remain on the table for further discussion and a report being presented to Council at a later date.

Liability Management Report

Interest rate exposure did not currently meet the Policy limits however staff aimed to achieve compliance by 30 June 2016. This was due to timing and would improve over time.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the Quarterly Reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.53am.