

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.19AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015 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: G Essenberg (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Poulsen (Finance Manager).

1. FINANCE REPORTS

A draft copy of the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 had been circulated to elected members the previous day. Most of the end of year adjustments had been made.

\$85,000 had been paid to the Canterbury District Health Board in September. The Health Facility Charitable Trust had donated \$240,000 in September which had reduced Council's contribution. The full \$325,000 had been paid the previous day for the October contribution. A discussion was held regarding whether Council would get any money back if a large amount of money was donated to the Health Facility. It was generally felt there needed to be understanding regarding whether Council would get any money back if extra money was raised privately. A report was requested regarding how this would work.

A discussion was held regarding property sales. It was suggested that these were not progressing fast enough and needed to be done by auction.

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

2. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Investment Quarterly Report

Forestry now only made up 1% of Council's value and mix of investments following the sale of the Clarence forest. \$34,500 had been received from the Marlborough Regional Forestry joint venture for the year to date. An enquiry was made as to whether the South Bay forest should now be called a reserve. It was suggested that independent advice was needed regarding Council properties and an agenda item set to discuss them.

Liability Management Compliance Report

Interest rate exposure was currently not compliant with policy limits. The Finance Manager advised interest rates were much lower than anticipated and she had taken advantage of the low rates. Liquidity was well and truly compliant. A number of loans had been repaid in full on 21 September. Total loans were currently at \$6.3million.

Airport Quarterly Report

The number of landings were up from last year and landing fee revenue was up on budget.

The Airport Hangar loan had been fully repaid which left two loans currently drawn for the Airport. These were the Airport upgrade (1995) loan and the Airport Terminal (2009) loan.

Development Contributions

Zero revenue had been received in the current financial year. It was noted the change to the Development Contributions Policy had been viewed very positively in the media particularly in the Marlborough area.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the Quarterly reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.59am.