

**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the  
PLANNING, FINANCE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim  
on THURSDAY, 27 July 2017 commencing at 9.00 am**

**Present**

Clrs T E Hook (Chairperson), M A Peters, J L Andrews, J A Arbuckle, C J Brooks, B G Dawson (from 9.06 am), M J Fitzpatrick, G A Hope, L M Shenfield, N P Taylor and Mayor J C Leggett (from 9.23 am)

**Also Present**

Clr G I T Evans

**In Attendance**

Messrs M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer), P Hawes (Manager Environmental Policy), N Henry (Manager Strategic Planning & Economic Development), M J South (Financial Services Manager) and Nicole Chauval (Committee Secretary).

**Apology**

**Clrs Taylor/Brooks:**

**That the apology for absence from Clr D D Oddie be received and sustained.**

Carried

**A.17/18.25 Declaration of Interests** -

Clr Arbuckle declared an interest in Item 10 – Rezoning of Land North of Renwick

Clr Hope declared an interest in Item 11 – Marlborough Research Centre

ATTENDANCE: Chris Shaw, Feast Marlborough and Sam Young, Regional Events Advisor were present for the following item.

**A.17/18.26 Feast Marlborough****E100-000-01**

Sam Young introduced Chris Shaw and provided some background on the event. It was advised that the event received \$15,000 from the Commercial Events Fund.

Chris Shaw provided a powerpoint (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 17142012) to highlight his report. He advised that the Friday Night Feast event was held on the registration night of the St Clair Half Marathon which was on Saturday, 13 May 2017. It was noted the Friday Night Feast was an event that celebrated the food produced in Marlborough for locals and visitors alike to sample.

The Feast was held in Market Place with seven stalls serving 350 portions each. All food was sold out in two hours which meant that a minimum of 2450 people were served. Members were advised that the feedback received was extremely positive with overwhelming support for the event to be run annually.

Members were advised that on the night following the event people were bused out to various eating establishments in the non-suburban areas of Marlborough. This was also a new event with the level of support overwhelming.

It was noted that the vision is for these events to become an iconic experience that would celebrate the produce of Marlborough and Marlborough's unique environment. Mr Shaw thanked Council for its financial support and noted the assistance received from Council which created a positive platform to deliver this exciting event.

**Clrs Andrews/Shenfield:**

**That the information be received.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: John Hellstrom and Raymond Smith, Co-Chairs Tootaranui 250 Trust, were present for the following item.

## **A.17/18.27 Tootaranui 250 – Update**

**A200-003-07**

The Co-Chairs of the Tootaranui 250 Trust, Mr Hellstrom and Mr Smith, reported that progress has been quietly building but has now started to gain considerable momentum. Mr Hellstrom noted that the focus for the event is on the birth of the country and the positives that come from that.

Mr Hellstrom thanked Council for their financial support and advised that a \$50,000 Government annual grant has also been secured.

It was noted that a national launch of the programme will occur following the September elections.

The replica Endeavour will be in Picton during December 2020 for approximately a week and the Spirit of New Zealand potentially in January 2020. There will be an event held at Ships Cove and further events in Picton. Noted that there is the emphasis that Picton is to be the heart of the celebrations Marlborough.

Mr Smith noted that Iwi are very much involved and are anticipating having a waka hourua here as well. He said it is seen as an exciting opportunity to integrate our two cultures in a voyaging event. He noted that there could possibly be five waka coming and it is anticipated that they would be here the week before the Endeavour. It was advised that the waka will be part of the reception when the Endeavour arrives.

Members were advised that Sam Neil has been in Picton over the last two days filming for an upcoming documentary. There will be a segment of potentially an hour in length specifically on Marlborough.

It was noted that Cook's ship left Ships Cove in 1770 which is exactly 247 years from the signing of the Treaty and Marlborough has put its hand up to host the 2020 Treaty commemorations.

Mr Hellstrom advised that the Trust is currently advertising for a project manager as it requires a specialist skill set to ensure that the event is successful. The Trust are here to facilitate and strategise and support the person appointed.

In response to a query on what additional support could potentially be required. Mr Hellstrom advised that in kind support from Port Marlborough such as accommodating the Endeavour, the five waka and possibly other ships, local community in terms of supporting events. It was noted that the Trust will be making approaches to secure sponsorship.

It was noted that this would also be a busy time for cruise ships and that consideration would need to be given to infrastructure to accommodate the significantly increased visitor numbers to Picton.

It was queried whether there has been consideration given to commemorative memorabilia. Mr Hellstrom advised that he would raise this at the next national meeting.

Members were advised that the Ministry of Education has given their support and noted it is definitely a legacy project. It was noted that the Principal of Whitney Street School is a key member of the Trust.

**Clrs Arbuckle/Shenfield:**  
**That the information be received.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Eric Jorgensen, Marlborough Marine Futures was present for the following item.

## **A.17/18.28 Marlborough Marine Futures**

**C230-001-M03**

The report to the Committee provided an update on the Marlborough Marine Futures initiative. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 17142254).

Mr Jorgensen advised members that the Marlborough Marine Futures released a discussion document proposing a 'marine park' concept in June 2017. This document was attached to the agenda for members' information. The proposal sought to initiate discussion to identify future management options for the Marlborough Sounds. The initial concept involves a Marlborough Sounds Marine Park Authority, administering a Marlborough Sounds Marine Park. It was noted that zoning plans and management plans would be used to regulate activity within each zone.

Members were advised that a survey had been circulated to gauge reaction to the proposal. To date 211 responses have been received with broad support for an area based management approach. It was noted that this now needs to be driven from government agencies to gain the traction required to achieve the environmental outcomes.

**The Mayor/Clr Shenfield:  
That the report be received.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: The Mayor withdrew from the meeting at 10.19 am

ATTENDANCE: Rachel Anderson, Policy Portfolio Manager was present for the following two items.

**A.17/18.29 National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2014 Progress Report on Staged Implementation Programme (Policy A1)**  
**L225-09-04**

The report to the Committee provided an update on the Council's Progressive Implementation Programme (Policy A1) with respect to the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2014 (NPSFM).

It was noted that the Council has adopted a PIP with respect to giving effect to Policy A1 of the NPSFM this was attached to the agenda for members' information. Stage 1, an interim stage, has been completed or is in the process of progressively being implemented. It was reported that a summary of progress with the PIP now needs to be included in the Council's notices as soon as practicable to give effect to Policy E1 of the NPSFM.

Members were advised that a priority from this point on is to establish and implement the process of setting cumulative contaminant limits. It was noted that this work had been put on hold until the freshwater quality objectives were publicly notified as part of the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan. It was noted that members need to be mindful that submissions, and perhaps further submissions, may have been received on these objectives, it would not be inappropriate to begin scoping work for the technical investigations. Funding has been obtained through the 2016 Annual Plan process to assist with this work.

In response to a query regarding the Farm Planning Service which was a programme to encourage improvement to on-farm environmental practices, with a particular emphasis on minimising water quality effects, Ms Anderson noted that Council is currently recruiting for an Environmental Scientist – Land and this could possibly be considered under this role.

**Cirs Brooks/Shenfield:**

- 1. That the information be received.**
- 2. That a summary of progress with the Progressive Implementation Programme as set out below be included in the Council's notices as soon as practicable.**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Stage 1: Interim water quality protection</b>	Plan changes notified to require resource consent for the conversion of land to dairy farming.	21 December 2012
	Ongoing and progressive implementation of Council's Stormwater Strategy.	N/A
	Implementation of the Farm Planning Service to assist existing dairy farmers to improve their environmental performance with respect to the effects of their activity on water quality.	Commenced 1 July 2012
	Ongoing state of the environment monitoring of physical, chemical, biological and macro-invertebrate to establish baseline conditions and detect trends in water quality.	N/A

Stage	Description	Date
<b>Stage 2: Technical Investigations</b>	<p>Technical investigations to collect, analyse and report data that will support the establishment of cumulative water quality limits on a catchment by catchment basis. The data will include land use information, data on the leaching and runoff of contaminants, the assimilative capacity of waterbodies at different flows taking into account the values that the waterbodies support. It is likely that modelling will also be required to establish cumulative limits.</p> <p>The Environmental Science and Monitoring Group received funding through the 2016 Annual Plan that will assist the Council in giving effect to Policy A1. The funding is \$315,000 over a three year period.</p> <p>The Council is participating in the nationwide Freshwater Contaminant Transfer Pathway Project that is receiving funding from the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment. The Wairau Plains have been identified as a focus for the project.</p>	1 July 2013 to 30 June 2023
<b>Stage 3: Plan Changes</b>	Preparation and notification of plan changes to introduce cumulative limits. If necessary, the plan changes will include methods and timeframes for managing water quality improvements if freshwater objectives not being met.	By 30 June 2024, but potentially progressively over this time period, on a catchment by catchment basis

**Carried**

## **A.17/18.30 Progress Report on Staged Implementation Programme (Policy B1)L225-09-04, R425-02-18-08**

The report to the Committee provided an update on the Council's Progressive Implementation Programme (Policy B1) with respect to the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2014 (NPSFM).

Members were advised that Stage 1 has been completed and technical investigations, Stage 2, relating to knowledge gaps identified have continued to be conducted.

The summary of progress which was attached to the agenda item will be included in the Council's notices to fulfil the requirements of Policy E1 of the NPSFM.

It was noted that the priority for the PIP is to continue with the technical investigations required to ultimately be in a position to set a minimum water level for the recharge area of the Wairau Aquifer FMU and give full effect to Policy B1 of the NPSFM.

**Cirs Shenfield/Taylor:**

- 1. That the report be received.**
- 2. That a summary of progress with the Progressive Implementation Programme as set out below be included in the Council's notices as soon as practicable.**

Stage	Description	Due Date
Stage 1 – Knowledge Gaps	Assessment of information held to identify gaps in knowledge. (Completed)	31 December 2015

Stage	Description	Due Date
Stage 2 - Technical Investigations	<p>Technical investigations to collect, analyse and report data that will support the establishment of an environmental water level for the recharge area of the Wairau Aquifer Freshwater Management Unit. The work will include gathering water use information, further investigations of the mechanism in which the Wairau Aquifer is recharged from the Wairau River and the development of a fully calibrated model for running management options.</p> <p><b><i>March 2015 - Wairau River – Wairau Aquifer Interaction Project initial report presented to Environment Committee. Subsequent updates were provided in for the April 2015 and June 2016 meetings.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>February 2016 – Report to Environment Committee on the long-term declining trend in Wairau Aquifer water levels.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>June 2016 - Wairau Aquifer Stratigraphy Review.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>June 2016 - Groundwater surface water interaction in a coastal aquifer system, Marlborough, New Zealand</i></b></p> <p><b><i>September 2016 – Report to Environment Committee on Modelling of Temperature in Wairau Aquifer.</i></b></p>	31 December 2020
Stage 3 – Plan Changes	Preparation and notification of plan changes to introduce a Wairau Aquifer minimum water level. If necessary, the plan changes will include methods and timeframes for applying minimum level restrictions to water users.	31 December 2024

Carried

## A.17/18.31 Proposed National Environmental Standard for Marine Aquaculture L225-08-10

The report to the Committee sought to provide information on the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Marine Aquaculture (the proposed NES) and to establish a process for the Council to respond to the proposal.

It was reported that central government has recently released a Proposed NES on Marine Aquaculture, attached to the agenda for members' information. This is intended to make consenting for existing marine farms more consistent and efficient, as well as providing for best practice biosecurity management and more flexibility to adapt to new opportunities.

Members were advised that the closing date for submissions on the Proposed NES is Tuesday 8 August 2017. It was noted that this is prior to the next Committee meeting on 7 September 2017 and it is therefore recommended that a subgroup of the Committee be established to consider and approve any Council submission.

Members agreed that Councillors Hook, Oddie and Taylor be appointed to form a sub-group to consider and approve the Council submission as they have the appropriate experience to assess the implications of the Proposed NES.

It was queried whether iwi would continue to be notified if applications for coastal permit to continue farming are processed as a restricted discretionary activity which would mean that it would be processed on a non-notified basis. Mr Hawes noted that this is one of the matters that MPI are seeking feedback on.

**Cirs Peters/Dawson:**

1. That the report be received.
2. That a sub-group of the Committee comprising Councillors Hook, Oddie and Taylor be established to consider and approve a Council submission on the Proposed NES for Marine Aquaculture.

**Carried**

## **A.17/18.32 “Streamlined” and “Collaborative” Planning Processes L225-R01**

The report to the Committee provided information on amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) that provide alternative plan development processes.

It was noted that an outline of the two new planning processes and fact sheets prepared by the Ministry for the Environment were included with the agenda. It was reported that the circumstances that are suited to the two new planning processes will vary and the appropriateness of the processes to any circumstance would need to be assessed by the Committee.

It was noted that previously the RMA had only one statutory process and timeframe to prepare and change policy statements or plans, no matter how simple or complex the proposal.

It was reported that the intent of this change is to provide greater flexibility in planning processes and timeframes, and allow these to be tailored to specific issues and circumstances. Mr Hawes advised that the suitability of the new options would have to be assessed against those circumstances as they have advantages and disadvantages.

**Cirs Arbuckle/Shenfield:**  
That the report be received.

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Arbuckle declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the table for this item.

ATTENDANCE: Ian Sutherland, Resource Management Officer, Geoff Dick, Rivers and Drainage Engineering Manager were present for the following item.

## **A.17/18.33 Rezoning of Land North of Renwick M100-02-01-00**

The report to the Committee provided an update on investigations into the suitability of rezoning land north of Renwick for large lot residential uses.

Members were advised that the “Growing Marlborough” strategy published in 2013 proposed a large lot residential development on 57 hectares of land on the lower terrace immediately north of Renwick. It was noted that some of the area is subject to flooding but this has the potential to be mitigated through river works.

It was reported that it is not considered prudent to proceed to rezoning land on the lower terrace until such time as flood mitigation works are funded, consented and completed. It was noted that work is also required to protect some of the existing development on the lower terrace. It was reported that the works are yet to be funded through the Annual Plan or authorised by resource consent.

Members were advised that the ability to service residential development will still need to be confirmed before the land can be rezoned. It was suggested that investigations into the feasibility and suitability of on-site servicing be placed on hold until the resource consent for the river works has been obtained.

It was advised that there does need to be some consideration given by the Committee on the priority of this work relative to the work programme of the Environmental Policy Group. It was noted that any investigation of on-site servicing will require the provision of additional funding. It was noted that any rezoning proposal will also require a variation or change to the Proposed Marlborough Environmental Plan and the resource to support that process.

Members were advised that Council staff will arrange to meet with residents before the end of August to advise on developments to date.

**Cirs Peters/Brooks:**

1. **That the report be received.**
2. **That the Committee defer consideration of rezoning land north of Renwick for large lot residential development until:**
  - (a) **Mitigation option 1B has been funded through the Annual Plan, the proposed river works are consented, the consented work are completed; and**
  - (b) **Investigations have been completed to demonstrate that large lot residential development can be adequately and appropriately serviced.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Clr Gerald Hope, Chief Executive Marlborough Research Centre was present for the following item.

## **A.17/18.34      Marlborough Research Centre      E100-011-01**

Clr Hope as Chief Executive of the Marlborough Research Centre (MRC) spoke to this report. To highlight the report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 17140519). It was noted that the MRC had a board meeting on 19 July 2017. The report attached to the item was written before this meeting took place.

Members were advised on the research applications and sponsorship for 2017-18 which differed to the attached report and a hard copy was circulated to members following the meeting. It was noted that MRC has provided sponsorship for the Cawthron Marlborough Environment Awards and Marlborough Lines Science Fair.

Members were advised that MRC have identified that supporting New Zealand Wine in the development of its New Zealand Regional Institute for Viticulture and Oenology (RIVO) is a key initiative. It was noted that the core undertakings by NZ Wine during 2018 will be to determine a preferred site.

It was noted that MRC have met with NZ Wine and expressed a willingness to cooperate fully in order to facilitate the establishment of the Regional Institute on an expanded Budge Street site. At present it is yet to be determined what the role of MRC will be but provision has been made to assist NZ Wine and other locations are also being considered by NZ Wine for Rivo.

MRC have tagged funding from its internal budgets to support the RIVO initiative over the coming financial year. This funding will be used to engage and undertake feasibility assessments related to the initiative, assuming MRC have a continued role of landlord for the developed facility.

Members were advised that the Chilean Needle Grass Action Group have been successful in gaining financial support from MRC. It was noted that it is critical that the spread of Chilean Needle Grass is contained and that continued research is supported. It was also noted that SFF Vespula wasp control has received an increase in funding with the focus directed at identifying a biological solution.

Members were advised that as a new initiative it is proposed to underwrite the establishment of a food technologist to assist business within the region.

Clr Peters noted that he is involved on the MRC Board and is pleased with the dialogue [with the RIVO] taking place and advised that he is more than happy to continue being MDC's representative. [added at the Council meeting on 10 August 2017]

Members were advised that MRC have another stream of work as a result of two visits to China last year. The Tianjin Municipal Government has made \$1M available over three years to assist in strengthening relationships between Tianjin and NZ and progress projects for the mutual benefit of the respective economies. It was noted that there is a proviso that the New Zealand Government match this funding and appropriate industry partners are identified. Representatives from MRC will meet with MBIE next Thursday to discuss this proposal.

**Cirs Andrews/Taylor:**

**That the Marlborough Research Centre Trust's 2017/18 Research Allocation report be received.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Clr Dawson withdrew from the meeting at 11.03 am.

ATTENDANCE: Meeting adjourned at 11.03am and resumed at 11.21 am

ATTENDANCE: Adi James, Community Advisor Marlborough Townships and Sam Young, Regional Events Advisor were present for the following item.

## **A.17/18.35 Economic Development and Events Update**

**E100-001-01**

The report to the Committee provided an update on the activities of the economic development and commercial events teams. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 17140629).

Members were advised that the Havelock Community Association has been working with the Small Township Programme and the Link Pathway Trust on a pathway connecting Queen Charlotte Drive with the Havelock Marina. The track is planned along the modified edge of the estuary, with the design aiming to have the minimum possible impact. It was reported that consultation with adjoining landowners is complete for this stage and letters updating the community on the process and map of the proposed project route were sent out in July. It was noted that the project group is working on a resource consent application which should be ready for submitting to Council by the end of August.

It was noted that Ruby Thomas has been appointed as the new iwi representative for the Picton Steering Group. The youth representative has been having discussions with potential young people who could be interested in joining each of the working groups.

It was reported that discussions have been held with Council's reserve staff and Janet Bathgate regarding the new interpretation panels for the Queen Charlotte Drive lookout. The Visitor Economy group have met with Jacqui Lloyd (GM of Destination Marlborough) and are proposing to re-establish the Cruise Ship Think Tank before the start of the summer season.

Ms James advised that there are currently seven working groups within the Picton area and all are working with Council in some way. The most recent group is the Arts & Heritage Working Group which was established in April this year. A public workshop was held on 16 July with 19 attendees with the next meeting scheduled for 10 August.

It was noted that the Renwick Wine Connection Working Group have appointed Damien Yvon as the new chairperson and plans are underway for another spring tasting event. Village Beautification Group is working on a number of projects around the Renwick commons, including street trees along High Street. A report will be prepared for the next Assets & Services meeting. Members were advised that a business working group is being considered made up of interested local businesses with aims and objectives to be formalised. A domain working group has been established and concept plans are underway for landscaping, paths and developing the entrance to the domain.

A concept plan of the bike walk Renwick project was shown. Members were advised that approval from Marlborough Roads has been received with a paper being presented at the next Assets & Services Committee for approval.

Mr Henry advised members on the Aquaculture Value + Innovation Working Group and noted that it is developing a commercial use for blue mussels with great progress being made. It was noted that the Marine Farming Assn AGM focused on industry/community relationships with the group making great progress in a relatively short time.

Members were advised that S+C groups and Councillors have been invited to a group event on 16 August at the ASB Theatre. This will be an opportunity to hear presentations and discuss ways of working together in the future.

The Sam Young advised members on the upcoming events in Marlborough. Of particular note is the book festival which is held over three days with ticket sales very positive. It was noted that eight sessions were sold out in a very short period of time. The event organisers were encouraged to collaborate with local businesses and leveraging off the book borrowing fridge that has been circulated at various locations, currently at the airport. There has been a lot of community spirit around the festival with the event going from strength to strength.

It was reported that ticket sales for the Garden Marlborough event have gone on sale with initial ticket sales very positive. The Ocean Vine Hop tickets are selling well and an out of region marketing campaign is about to be launched. There have been discussions on bringing the Americas Cup to Picton, at this stage it has been suggested it would be in spring but no other information has been confirmed. It was noted that a working group has been established with Council's Sam Young and Picton S+C on the group. Ms Young advised that when details are confirmed Councillors will be notified.

Members were advised that an artificial ice rink event has been organised for 14-17 December. It was noted that the event received funding from the new Sport & Recreation Community Activity Fund and entry will be by gold coin donation. This is to ensure that it is accessible to as many people as possible. The purpose of the fund is to get people active.

It was reported that it will be in the Blenheim CBD and will coincide with the Christmas festival. More FM are on board to promote the event. It was noted that Blenheim will be the first to host the rink in the top of the South.

**Cirs Andrews/Taylor:**  
**That the information be received.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Luke Grogan, Harbour Master and Kaye McIlveney, Solicitor were present for the following item.

## **A.17/18.36      Navigation Bylaw 2009 Review      L225-06**

The report to the Committee sought to provide recommendations on the Navigation Bylaw 2009 and to seek approval to commence the special consultative procedure on a proposed new Navigation Bylaw.

Members were aware that the review of the bylaw was referred back to this Committee following the decision at the Council meeting in June. It was noted that the bylaw before this Committee has been amended, taking into account comments from Councillors and Maritime NZ. The new bylaw was attached to the agenda for members' information.

Members were advised that Council must consult before making a final decision on this review of its bylaws. It was noted that the special consultative procedure requires that a Statement of Proposal and the proposed bylaws be made available to the public for submission. With hearings held for those submitters who wish to be heard.

It was noted that there was a preference for a longer consultation period to enable as many people as possible to have their say. Ms McIlveney advised that it has been agreed that the period for consultation be extended to two months commencing 14 August and running through until 31 October taking into account Labour and Marlborough Anniversary weekends. It was reported that there will be an open day during this period to further engage with members of the public. This will provide a significant opportunity to promote the safety message.

Members were advised that discussions have occurred with Council's Communication Manager, Glyn Walters and a communications plan to further encourage public engagement has been formulated.

It was recommended that a hearing committee consisting of Cirs Oddie, Brooks and Arbuckle be formed to hear and deliberate on submissions, report on the hearing and provide recommendations to Council for a final decision to be made.

**Cirs Shenfield/Taylor:**

- 1. That the Committee approves the review of the Navigation Bylaw 2009:**
- 2. That the Committee determines that—**
  - (a) Bylaws are considered to be the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems;**
  - (b) The current Navigation Bylaw 2009 is not the most appropriate form of bylaw;**
  - (c) The proposed replacement Navigation Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and**
  - (d) The proposals do not give rise to any NZ Bill of Rights implications.**
- 3. That the Committee approves the draft Statement of Proposal.**
- 4. That the special consultative procedure be commenced.**
- 5. That the submission period opens on 14 August 2017 and closes on 31 October 2017:**
- 6. That the sub-committee to hear and deliberate on any submissions made consist of Councillors Oddie, Brooks and Arbuckle.**

**Carried**

## **A.17/18.37 Long Term Plan (LTP) Working Group**

**F230-L18-06**

The Long Term Plan (LTP) minutes of 26 June 2017 were presented for ratification by the Committee.

Mr Fletcher noted that the Sounds 25 option explored the possibility of moving away from the targeted rating area and what, if any, financial impacts on individual properties would occur if making that change. Further benchmark properties had been circulated to members to provide a more comprehensive picture of the effect of any rates increase. Members were advised that if any gaps were identified to advise Mr Fletcher and these will be provided before the next meeting.

Clr Hook noted that it is useful to have minutes fed back through this committee and dates identified when topics would be discussed, this enables any councillors to attend the meetings for items of specific interest.

**Clrs Peters/Shenfield:**

**That the decision that the Working Group support the move away from “targeted” percentages to the “One Network - Sounds 25” option and identify what, if any, transition options it wants further developed lie on the table until 15 August LTP Working Group meeting.**

Carried

## **A.17/18.38 Financial Report for Council – Period Ended 31 May 2017**

**F275-002-16**

Martin Fletcher, Chief Financial Officer presented Council’s financial report for the period ended 31 May 2017 and noted that they were slightly out of date.

The Income and Expenditure Statement reports an operating surplus of \$7.97M for the year to date. This is a \$6.03M improvement on the \$1.94M budgeted. Total Income for the May year to date is ahead of budget by \$7.05M (9%).

Budgeted capital expenditure for the year is \$71.7M including \$22.64M of carryovers from the 2015-16 financial year. Actual expenditure of \$31.38M to the end of May is \$6.71M higher than the same period last year (\$24.67M) and \$33.33M less than budgeted for the year to date. The Investment activities forecast includes the expected costs for development of Stages 4 and 5 Boulevard Park on Taylor brought forward to the 2016-17 financial year and net of stage 5 sales. It was noted that there are indications that there is likely to be deferrals and carryovers to 2017-2018 of approximately \$34.63M.

Mr Fletcher also updated the Committee on preliminary financial information for the year ended 30 June 2017 and that the result was positive.

It was suggested that a workshop/information session be made available to members on the future availability of sections in Blenheim and the wider area and how this would relate to new house builds. Mark Wheeler advised that this information is currently available and will be circulated to members.

**Clrs Peters/Hope:**

**That the financial report for the period ended 31 May 2017 be received.**

Carried

## **A.17/18.39 Information Package**

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**Clrs Brooks/Arbuckle:**

**That the Planning, Finance & Community Information Package dated 27 July 2017 be received and noted.**

Carried

## A.17/18.40 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

Cllrs Shenfield/Fitzpatrick:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Marlborough Heritage Trust

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Marlborough Heritage Trust	In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provided for under Section 7(2)(a).	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**Carried**

The meeting closed at 12.19 pm.

Record No: 17139866