

Report of a meeting of the Operations Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 1 May 2018, at 4.27pm

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Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Davis (Chairman), Crs Beale, Bolger, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant, P Grant, Highsted, Phillips, and Reid.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh) Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Suzanne Lucas) Animal Control Administrator (Mrs Rowena Burnby), Junior Planner (Ms Fran Davies) and Corporate Support Officer (Ms Gillian Small).

Apology Cr Sharp apologised for absence.

1. REPORT FROM THE TRANSPORT MANAGER

The Committee perused a report from the Transport Manager.

Cr Davis asked for clarification of Roadroid.

The Manager explained that Roadroid was a meter which measures the roughness of metal roads and provides constant feedback on the condition of unsealed roads.

Cr P Grant asked if there was a product being used to melt the ice on the roads.

The Manager confirmed that Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) had been used. He explained this was an alternative to salt, however, salt is not allowed on the District's roads. Salt reduces the freezing temperature of any dew, CMA does the same but not as well as salt and it was an expensive option.

Cr P Grant asked if it was cheaper than gritting.

The Manager said gritting the roads was considerably cheaper and grit was also tactile, so it alerted drivers that caution was needed.

Cr Davis asked when the change to LED lighting throughout the whole network would be completed.

The Manager said that 54 lights per day were being replaced, and it should take six weeks to complete.

Cr Beale mentioned that it should be made clear to the public and via the media that the cost to the Council for the LED lighting installation is only 15% of the actual cost.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the report be received.

2. REPORT FROM 3 WATERS ASSET MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager.

Cr Gardyne asked if chlorination had reached the end of the Otama Rural Water Scheme.

The Manager replied that it had not as yet, but it was close. Further recent tests had been undertaken and the results to confirm progress down the line had not yet been received

Cr Beale raised the issue of infrastructure issues at St Andrew Street following contact with a resident, Mr Knight.. Cr Beale asked if there had been any progress on finding a solution for these stormwater and wastewater network issues.

The Chief Executive confirmed that progress had been made with the Ministry of Education. The Ministry had revisited its position and the Chief Executive had been told there would be a lease offer put on the table, signed by the Ministry addressed to the Council.

Cr Beale acknowledged that Mr Knight was not the only resident of St Andrew Street affected, and noted he had been informed by Mr Knight that he was prepared to wait 18 months for a resolution if the Council gave assurance progress would occur.

The Manager explained the first draft of a master plan had been received from Opus. It was suggested a workshop be undertaken to gather information to feed into the master plan, with the hope that spending money on an interim solution be avoided. It was hoped to incorporate Elizabeth Street into that plan.

Cr Davis asked if there was any cost involved in the agreement with the Ministry of Education.

The Chief Executive replied that he had not yet received the lease but he thought the cost should be modest.

Cr Gardyne asked if there had been any progress on discussions with NZTA regarding emergency funding following the collapse of Pyramid Bridge.

The Manager confirmed discussions had been undertaken and he hoped to have an update for the Council within the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 4.43pm