

Report of a meeting of the Operations Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 3 October 2017, at 4.30pm

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 Standring), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), District Arts and Heritage Curator (Mr Jim Geddes), Communications/Promotions Manager (Sonia Gerken), 3 Waters Project Manager (Mr Sam Bunting), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apology Cr Sharp apologised for absence.

1. 3 WATERS OPERATIONS REPORT

The Council perused an operational report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager.

In response to Cr Phillips, the Manager said there was no leak detection work being undertaken in Mataura, and the focus was on Gore.

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

2. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT (SC1466)

A copy of a report from the 3 Waters Project Manager was perused by the Council.

The initial sludge survey indicated that the removal of 4,069 tonnes from pond 1 would cost \$2,484,360. The LTP budget set was for \$2,625,000.

Two samples of the sludge being removed were circulated at the meeting for the information of Councillors.

Cr Beale was under the impression that quite a lot of sludge had been removed, but reading the report thought that was not the case.

The Project Manager said it was certainly under way now, but there had been delays caused by the construction of the secondary drying unit and a steam condensing unit to remove the considerable amount of steam generated by the drying unit.

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

3. CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE (SC)

A report from the General Manager Regulatory and Planning providing an update on the Council's civil defence contributions top Emergency Management Southland (EMS) was considered by the Council. He advised that an advisor from EMS would be invited to speak to the Council in the near future.

Cr Reid asked if there would be any other people in the community being seconded to the civil defence effort, such as St Johns.

The General Manager said the likes of St John and the Salvation Army were already part of EMS and it linked up with a host of other supporting organisations and community groups.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr Phillips, THAT the report be received.

4. REPORT FROM TRANSPORT MANAGER

A copy of a report from the Transport Manager was perused by the Council.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the Manager advised the intention was to let the tender for the Pyramid bridge project by the end of the financial year. A meeting would be held the following day to further progress it.

In response to Cr Davis, the Manager expected that a good month's notice would be available to the public before any bridge repair work was undertaken.

His Worship asked if there were any LED lights in the area.

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised there were LED lights in the main gardens.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 4.56pm