

Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Committee Meeting held in Council Meeting Room One, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatane on Tuesday, 25 October 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: P Thompson

Deputy Chairman: P Sherry

Councillors: R Bennett, J Mansell, J Nees, I Noble, D Owens, L Thurston, M Whitaker

Ex Officio: Council Chairman J Cronin

In Attendance: M Langridge (Manager Information Services), M McConway (Group Manager Technology & Economic Development), G Probert (Manager Information Technology), M Taylor (Financial Controller), B Trott (Group Manager Finance & Corporate), E White (Director Bancorp Treasury Services Limited), D Withington (Regional Geospatial Manager), S Cubbon (Committee Administration)

Apologies: Councillor T Eru

1 Reports

1.1 Chairman's Report

The Committee Chairman, Councillor Thompson invited members to take her report one page at a time asking questions as they went regarding the information on Corporate Service activities that were being undertaken, what had been done to date and what was planned for the future. It was noted that the Property Review had been delayed due to staff involvement in the Rena emergency response, and the Community Relations Strategy would go forward to the Ten Year Plan process.

Resolved

That the Finance and Corporate Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson's Report.

Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED

1.2 Group Managers' Report

Refer PowerPoint A964562

Group Manager Technology and Economic Development, Miles McConway introduced the item dealing with the BoPLASS Information Strategy Services Plan and utilisation of the inter-council fibre service to connect seven of nine council participants and enable business related shared services.

Members received a PowerPoint presentation from Grant Probert, Manager Information Technology currently seconded to BoPLASS to assist with the development of the platform. Mr Probert explained the work being undertaken to provide the same level of service and support across Councils.

Resolved

That the Finance and Corporate Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Group Managers' Report.**

**Thompson/Sherry
CARRIED**

1.3 Contracting Quarterly Report - 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011

The report was taken as read by members of the Committee.

Resolved

That the Finance and Corporate Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Contracting Quarterly Report - 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011.**

**Cronin/Thurston
CARRIED**

1.4 Project Management Initiative

Miles McConway presented the report dealing with an initiative currently underway to enable project teams to be successful and make project management an integral part of business as usual. Mr McConway advised of the establishment of a Project Forum and Project Support office to provide assistance and ensure a sustainable long term future for project management, and the project had been designed from the outset to work across groups.

Resolved

That the Finance and Corporate Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Project Management Initiative.**

**Bennett/Sherry
CARRIED**

1.5 Geospatial Landscape

Refer PowerPoint presentation A963807

Dave Withington, contracted to Tauranga City Council and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council as Regional Geospatial Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the efficiencies to be gained from sharing services and outlined what the GIS groups were doing. Mr Withington pointed out the advantages of sharing expertise, a regional data scheme, and software procurement. He added that a shared vision and direction provided a unified voice to Central Government and, along with the community and iwi, they were aware and supportive of the work being done.

Resolved

That the Finance and Corporate Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the presentation.**

**Thompson/Owens
CARRIED**

Adjournment

Members adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10.45 a.m.

2 Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

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:

2.1 Investment Performance Report for the month ending 30 September 2011

Reason

Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

Grounds

To prevent improper gain or advantage

The meeting closed at 11.25 a.m. at the conclusion of the public excluded report.