

NOTICE OF MEETING

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TO: The Mayor, Penny Webster
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The Infrastructure and Environment Committee will meet in the Council Chamber, Centreway Road, Orewa on Thursday, 10 June 2010, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

for: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Rodger Kerr-Newell

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3 June 2010

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APOLOGIES

9.00 A.M.

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REPORT



TO Infrastructure and Environment Committee
ON 10 June 2010
SUBJECT **PUBLIC DEPUTATION**
FILE REF CF/1/1

The Chief Executive, Rodger Kerr-Newell, has received a request from Ms Penny Bright for speaking rights to address Rodney District Councillors on matters of urgency and public interest pertaining to the Auckland 'Supercity' Council. A copy of the request is attached as **Appendix 1**. Ms Bright's request included a copy of the South Australia Water 'Statement of Claim' against United Water, which is attached as **Appendix 2**.

The request meets the criteria of Standing Order 3.19.1 in that it was lodged five working days before the date of the meeting concerned and has been subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

Under Standing Order 3.19.5, Ms Bright will be permitted to address the meeting for a period of ten minutes. After the presentation has been received, Standing Order 3.19.6 permits any questions from councillors pertinent to the subject heard.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the deputation be received.

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REPORT



TO Infrastructure and Environment Committee
ON 10 June 2010
FROM Cameron Walker – Senior Parks and Coastal Planning Engineer
APPROVED BY Dukessa Blackburn-Huettner – Acting Director: Infrastructure
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SUBJECT WARKWORTH SKATE PARK
FILE REF RC/84/1

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

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IMPLICATIONS:

(i)	Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance? No
(ii)	Implications in terms of Vision Rodney? Supports Vision Rodney by contributing to <i>Vibrancy</i> and <i>Health and Safety</i> outcomes.
(iii)	Implications in terms of Long Term Council Community Plan/Annual Plan? No, it can be covered under existing budgets.
(iv)	Implications in terms of other Council Strategic documents or Council Policy? No
(v)	Is a budget amendment required? No
(vi)	Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required? Yes, views have been obtained and further consultation is required.
(vii)	Does a decision on this matter require Auckland Transition Agency approval? (yes / no / advice being sought?) No

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital cost implications	\$25,000
Is it currently budgeted for?	Yes
Funding source of capital costs	2009/10 Annual Plan
Ongoing operational cost implications	Minimal
Is it currently budgeted for?	No
Funding & rating impact (whether resulting from capital expenditure or arising directly)	Not applicable

SUMMARY:

Following a submission by local skateboarders, \$25,000 was allocated in the 2009/10 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) for a skate facility at Warkworth.

Consultation and a concept design for a skate park in the undeveloped space at Baxter Street have taken place. Shoemith Reserve is another area that may be used for a skate park in the future. Stakeholders were not able to reach agreement on a final location for a skate park and there is insufficient budget to build a permanent facility.

It is recommended that the existing budget be spent on a temporary, removable quarter pipe, such as that recently installed at the Western Reserve. The pipe could later be used in other reserves.

Evaluation work and the associated consultation should continue to establish a final location for a permanent facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That a temporary quarter pipe be built and placed in the Riverbank Location A, as identified in Appendix 2 to the agenda report.
- (b) That possible locations for a permanent skate park facility, which could inform the next Long Term Council Community Plan, continue to be evaluated.

1.0 Background

A removable skate ramp was installed into the car parks on Baxter Street opposite the DoC office in the summer of 2008/09. This was very well received by local skaters; however, it did create some noise nuisance due to the materials and construction of the ramp.

A petition from local skaters (co-ordinated by Bob Deans) was presented to the Council and \$25,000 was approved in the 2009/10 LTCCP budget for a skate park in Warkworth. Following approval of funding, Council officers initiated consultation and investigation of possible locations for a skate park on the Warkworth Riverbank. Whilst numerous locations were explored, no consensus was reached on an optimal location.

The Warkworth Town Centre Plan (see **Appendix 1**), which includes the Community Centre, was formed in September 2008. This plan does not include a skate park on the river bank. The Shoemith Reserve Management Plan (adopted May 2009) indicates a skate park may be located on the reserve.

2.0 Proposed objectives for a skate park in Warkworth

In considering options, the desired objectives of the skate park were:

- to provide a relevant, well designed and safe skate facility for locals
- to ensure any facility would not supply opportunity for undesirable behaviour
- that the park adds to the vibrancy of Warkworth, enhancing visitor experience and sense of place
- that the park fits into the landform.

Achieving these objectives could render a skate park which:

- is predominately a street scene (rather than bowl or pipe) that could accommodate future additions and alterations
- has active surveillance and is located in a popular, well populated area
- is low to the ground
- the local skaters have intimate ownership of and agreement to self monitor
- addresses noise issues associated with the previous temporary ramp.

3.0 Options

At this time there are three options that can be considered:

1. Do nothing/abandon the project. This would not fulfil the approved submission and the allocated \$25,000 would likely be 'lost'.
2. Build a temporary, removable, quarter pipe this financial year. This would mostly achieve the outcomes envisioned by the approved submission, but is not a permanent solution.
3. Postpone building until a permanent facility site can be identified and the project fully funded. It is possible that this project may not be funded in the foreseeable future.

It is recommended that option 2 for the construction of a temporary skate park be pursued, as it addresses the submission, can meet objectives and provides for satisfactory outcomes.

3.1 Location

Six riverside sites, Shoemith Reserve, the corner of Leigh and Matakana Roads, and a site beside the fire station have all been investigated as possible sites for a permanent facility. A detailed list of various aspects of each site can be found in **Appendix 3**.

The riverbank sites have been the focus of recent investigation. These sites are mapped in **Appendix 2**. A commissioned study looked into three of the riverbank sites and concluded:

'From analysing the three different sites it is deemed appropriate that the ideal site for a new Skate Park in Warkworth is to be situated on Site A/B (5-7b Baxter Street) with recognition of the Skate Park to be temporary to the extent of 10 years with the Community Centre designated on this land, but not included in this year's Rodney District Council LTCCP budget. Site A/B provided the most pros and the least cons and is the best terrain for a skate park that would provide the most passive surveillance for security. Noise could probably be heard from the town centre but it may add to the existing vibrancy in the town. Sites E and F were zoned reserve open space so it was deemed not to be ideal to take away permeable open space for an impermeable surface such as a skate park.'

Within the proposed District Plan the riverbank area is predominately zoned retail service. A permanent skate park would therefore be a non-complying activity. The reserve designation only relates to the Operative Plan. It is believed that the assessment criteria under rule 10.12.5.2 which primarily relate to visual impacts and aesthetics could easily be met.

Currently there is concern that locating a skate park at 5-7b Baxter Street would preclude other uses or future development of the Community Centre and/or Service Centre. Also, the riverside site is the largest accessible point to the Mahurangi River from the Warkworth Township and this site must be designed in a manner that avoids isolating the town from its river.

The Shoemith Reserve has not been investigated in detail, however, the Reserve Management plan (adopted May 2009) states:

'Subject to agreement of the Council following consultation with surrounding residents and reserve users, a skate park may be positioned to the west of the tennis courts, if this is considered to be a suitable location in Warkworth for such a facility. The skate park would provide an opportunity for skills development.'

3.2 Skate park design

A concept design was drawn up during the course of the project and is shown in **Appendix 5**. The cost to build this concept design would be approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000 depending on site location. This is in excess of the available budget.

An example of a temporary skate ramp is included in **Appendix 6**. This ramp could be built using the existing budget. It would be built on a metal frame with 9mm H3 treated plywood or Uniboard Eco as the substrate with Ramp Armor as the surfacing. This design would create less noise than the previous ramp (which is now located at Shelly Beach). The ramp would also be able to be moved to another location should the Town Centre (or other) Plan go ahead.

3.3 Consultation

The following stakeholders were consulted on the locations and concept design for a permanent facility:

The Riverbank Enhancement Society (RES)

- Is supportive of a skate park on the riverbank. It is keen to see any skate facility built to a high standard and wants the open space at #5-7b Baxter St to also to accommodate a barbecue area. It expressed preference for riverbank site A for the permanent skate park. The RES has a draft landscape plan (see **Appendix 4**) which shows a skate park and barbecue area.

Local businesses

- The proposed location for the skate park was in front of two businesses at 22 and 24 Baxter Street, making them affected parties. Both businesses were approached in person. Neither had problems with the skate park itself; however, both expressed concern at the loss of car parks which were perceived as essential for the retail trade.
- Other businesses which were not approached directly are believed to be represented via discussions between local councillors and the Warkworth Business Association. It is understood they agreed to location B.

Skate boarders

- Students at Mahurangi College were also consulted in a group session before the concept design was created. They were very enthusiastic.

4.0 **Conclusion**

Agreement was not reached on the location of a permanent skate park. Furthermore, the budget is insufficient to fund a permanent facility. Hence a temporary removable quarter pipe, which could be built with the existing budget, is considered the best option.

Riverbank location A is considered the best location for the temporary removable ramp, as it meets the proposed objectives and the Riverbank Enhancement Society's aspirations.

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REPORT



TO Infrastructure and Environment Committee
ON 10 June 2010
FROM Gavin Flynn – Project Manager (West), Peter Kovacevich - Senior Stormwater Planning Engineer and Gareth Hughes - Manager: Transport Operations and Safety
APPROVED BY Dukessa Blackburn-Huettner – Acting Director: Infrastructure
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SUBJECT MOTUTARA ROAD LANDSCAPE PLAN
FILE REF TP/9/54/1

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

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IMPLICATIONS:

(i)	Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance? No
(ii)	Implications in terms of Vision Rodney? <i>We will have the infrastructure and services needed for our residents, business and visitors. We will maintain and enhance the character of our townships and rural areas through excellent urban and rural planning and intelligent management of growth.</i>
(iii)	Implications in terms of Long Term Council Community Plan / Annual Plan? The implementation of the concept plan is likely to be staged with subsequent stages being prioritised through the 2012 - 2022 Long Term Council and Community Plan (LTCCP).
(iv)	Implications in terms of other Council Strategic documents or Council Policy? <i>Muriwai Community Plan (2005) – Implements the Overall Development Strategy and Plan – 'Upgrade pedestrian network, create a flexible road network, address regional/local movement conflicts'.</i>
(v)	Is a budget amendment required? No

(vi)	Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?
	Yes, consultation has been undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders and special interest groups. Once the plan is finalised it will be displayed on community noticeboards and included in the next Auckland Regional Council (ARC) Muriwai update leaflet.
(vii)	Does a decision on this matter require Auckland Transition Agency approval? (yes / no / advice being sought?)
	No - Expenditure this financial year is within operational budgets and no Annual Plan adjustment is needed. All the concept funding was by the ARC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital cost implications	No
Is it currently budgeted for?	Yes
Funding source of capital costs	Stormwater operational budget.
Ongoing operational cost implications	Regular stormwater and road culvert clearance currently allowed for within operational budgets.
Is it currently budgeted for?	Yes
Funding and rating impact (whether resulting from capital expenditure or arising directly)	Nil

SUMMARY:

The ARC and the Rodney District Council (RDC) have developed a plan to landscape and improve the area around Motutara/Campground/Waitea Roads in response to the Muriwai Community Plan and local parking and stormwater management issues. The project has been endorsed in principle by the Muriwai Beach Progressive Association. This report provides an overview of the proposed work for the Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

1.0 Background

Following the expiration of a sub-lease, the Muriwai Surf School has been relocated to the existing park ranger's residence garage, within the Muriwai Regional Park. This was agreed to through a public process to grant a licence to occupy.

As part of the relocation process, the ARC approached the Council to work together to address a number of issues. It was agreed that a collaborative approach between the ARC and RDC was the best solution for addressing these issues and progressing in the future. In particular:

- the stormwater ditch which is undercutting the footpath and potentially the road, at the junction of Motutara and Waitea Roads
- inadequate parking arrangements to cater for existing and future demand
- poor pedestrian connectivity and lack of safe access to the beach and playground.

Jasmx Architects was engaged to provide an integrated landscape plan (attached as **Appendix 1**) to address these issues and other requirements such as the Fishing Club weigh station, park signage, visitor centre and staff carparking.

2.0 Consultation

The ARC and RDC have been briefing members of the community, western ward councillors, the Residents' and Ratepayers' Association, local business owners, iwi, the volunteer Fire Service and Fishing Club members. An on-site meeting was also held with the Muriwai Beach Progressive Association and subsequent endorsement in principle has been given by the wider members. The local feedback and understanding of the issues and sensitivities has helped create a more rounded and community-endorsed plan.

3.0 Strategic context

The landscape plan resolves an action point in the Muriwai Community Plan (adopted January 2005) addressing regional/local movement conflicts. It also aligns with the proposed ten year ARC Regional Parks Management Plan.

4.0 Funding

The ARC has led and funded the design and consultation process for the development of the landscape plan. The implementation of the plan will be based around future funding priorities to be assessed by the new Auckland Council. The implementation is proposed to be broken into stages based on priorities, resources and type of improvement.

In line with this, minor stormwater and pedestrian safety works are due to be undertaken on the unsafe culvert. (photograph attached as **Appendix 2**)

5.0 Conclusion

The ARC and RDC are working together on a plan to landscape and improve driving and pedestrian safety in the Motutara/Campground/Waitea Roads areas of Muriwai village. The plan will comprehensively address long-standing stormwater, pedestrian and parking issues in the area. The integrated landscape plan has been developed to address a number of infrastructure issues, many of which have been identified within the Muriwai Community Plan. Further funding to implement this plan will be applied for in future Annual and Long Term Council and Community Plans.

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REPORT



TO Infrastructure and Environment Committee
 ON 10 June 2010
 FROM Craig Pratt – Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor
 APPROVED BY Warren Maclennan – Assistant Chief Executive
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Warren Maclennan

SUBJECT MAHURANGI ACTION PLAN
 FILE REF FC/71/2

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

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IMPLICATIONS:

(i)	Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance? No
(ii)	Implications in terms of Vision Rodney? Outcome 6: Clean and green. <i>We will continue to value, protect and enjoy the natural environment.</i>
(iii)	Implications in terms of Long Term Council Community Plan/Annual Plan? LTCCP 2009 – 2019: <i>We will have appropriate policies, strategies and plans to address natural and coastal environmental issues, including biodiversity and sustainability with the target for 2009/2010 of the Mahurangi Integrated Catchment Plan completed with the Auckland Regional Council and community.</i>
(iv)	Implications in terms of other Council Strategic documents or Council Policy? Coastal Management Strategy Review 1999 and A Living Vision for Rodney's Economy.
(v)	Is a budget amendment required? No
(vi)	Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required? Ongoing community consultation is being facilitated by the Auckland Regional Council.

(vii)	Does a decision on this matter require Auckland Transition Agency approval? (yes / no / advice being sought?)
	No

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital cost implications	None
Is it currently budgeted for?	Not applicable
Funding source of capital costs	Not applicable
Ongoing operational cost implications	Yes
Is it currently budgeted for?	Yes, across a range of associated Mahurangi Action Plan activities.
Funding & rating impact (whether resulting from capital expenditure or arising directly)	Not applicable, under current budget provision.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Mahurangi Action Plan (MAP) - strategic action plan for the catchment 2010 – 2030 (attached as **Appendix 1**).

In 2004, the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) long-term state of the environment monitoring of the Mahurangi Harbour showed that the health of the harbour was in decline with sediment identified as the main cause. The Mahurangi Action Plan (MAP) emerged in response as a five year pilot with the expectation that 10 – 20 years would be required to achieve the long-term environmental goals.

The pilot programme was completed in June 2009 with implementation of a range of key activities including direct action on the ground with riparian landowners, community planting days, as well as education programmes with riparian landowners, forestry and development activities. These activities were complemented by a range of integrated Rodney District Council (RDC) activities including structure, catchment and reserve management planning; upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant; community education; bushlot monitoring and support for various community initiatives.

Discussions with the community on the future direction for the MAP identified that there was an interest in a broader strategic catchment planning process to ensure the long-term health of the Mahurangi Harbour. In response, both the ARC and the RDC endorsed recommendations to pursue a catchment planning process with tangata whenua and community groups in July 2009 (*Minute No. 461/07/09*).

The draft MAP has been developed through a catchment planning process with tangata whenua and community groups led by the Mahurangi Initiative Forum (a community-led network of community group representatives and interested people). The planning process was facilitated by the ARC and supported by the RDC with Councillor Powell as its representative.

The aim of the MAP is to integrate and prioritise actions to address the long-term health of the Harbour and its catchment; merging community aspirations with science and bringing together key partners who can affect change. The plan is action oriented and although visionary for the next 20 years, focuses on key actions to be implemented in the next five years.

The draft MAP is to be launched for wider public consultation on 31 May 2010. The consultation period runs from 31 May to 18 June 2010 and will include: a double page spread in the Mahurangi Matters June edition; a two week display at halls in Warkworth and release on the ARC website. Due to constraints with the Committee meeting schedule and deadlines created by the Auckland governance transition process, officers have reported to the Council at the first available opportunity.

The Council will have several opportunities to provide input and feedback into the finalisation of the draft MAP plan. This includes several officer workshops, a joint ARC/RDC councillor workshop and workshops with the community. Crs Parker, Powell and W Walker have represented the Council in past joint ARC/RDC councillor discussions on the MAP (*Minute No. 35/02/08*). The aim is to propose a final draft MAP by the end of July and with the ARC to jointly report the Plan to the respective ARC and RDC committees in August and September 2010.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Crs Parker, Powell and W Walker continue to represent the Council at joint council workshops on the Mahurangi Action Plan.

APPENDIX 1

REPORT



TO Infrastructure and Environment Committee
 ON 10 June 2010
 FROM Craig Pratt – Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor
 APPROVED BY Warren Maclennan – Assistant Chief Executive
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SUBJECT **NATURAL HERITAGE FUND UPDATE AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**
 FILE REF TP/23/3

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

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IMPLICATIONS:

(i)	Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance? No
(ii)	Implications in terms of Vision Rodney? Outcome 6 - Clean and Green: <i>We will continue to value, protect and enjoy the natural environment.</i>
(iii)	Implications in terms of Long Term Council Community Plan / Annual Plan? LTCCP 2009 – 2019: Natural heritage values will continue to be supported through the Council's successful Natural Heritage Fund. \$70,000 has been committed through the 2009/10 Annual Plan.
(iv)	Implications in terms of other Council Strategic documents or Council Policy? No
(v)	Is a budget amendment required? No
(vi)	Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required? No consultation is required.
(vii)	Does a decision on this matter require Auckland Transition Agency approval? (yes / no / advice being sought?) No

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital cost implications	None
Is it currently budgeted for?	Not applicable
Funding source of capital costs	Not applicable
Ongoing operational cost implications	Annual provision of \$70,000 through Annual Plan.
Is it currently budgeted for?	Yes
Funding and rating impact (whether resulting from capital expenditure or arising directly)	Minimal

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee is threefold: firstly, to report on progress and decisions made under delegation with the Natural Heritage Fund (NHF) since last reported to the Committee on 18 March 2010; secondly, to seek decisions on \$14,500 in funding requests of over \$2,000 and thirdly, to request consideration also be given to five applications which will be eligible for NHF funding in the 2010/11 financial year.

Twelve new applications have been received since last reported on 18 March 2010. All proposals have been considered by council officers against the fund's intent, priorities and criteria, and an assessment prepared for each.

Under delegated authority from the Council, the Manager Sustainability and Natural Heritage has made decisions on six applications seeking NHF support for up to \$2,000 (refer **Appendix 1**). All applications were granted, with a combined NHF funding commitment of \$7,300. Funding partners contributed \$9,700 which leveraged a total project budget of \$34,170.

Three applications for more than \$2,000 require the Committee's consideration (refer **Appendix 2**). Each proposal has been evaluated and assessment provided. All three applications are recommended for approval. The total amount of funding support for consideration by the Committee is \$14,500 with an estimated leveraged project budget total of \$40,500.

If NHF support is granted for these application proposals, it will result in a total NHF commitment for this funding cycle to June 2010 of \$70,500. This will mean the achievement of full fund allocation for the third year since the fund was reconfigured by the Council.

NHF 2009/10 funding will have leveraged over \$397,020 of practical community projects focused on the management, protection and enhancement of Rodney's natural heritage. The Rodney District community contributed 47% towards these initiatives, with other funding agencies contributing the remainder.

For the next financial year (2010/11), the Auckland Transition Agency (ATA) has requested that the Council commits its contestable funding by 1 November 2010, so that current councils are the decision-makers. Also, as the NHF has never been oversubscribed, it is proposed that the Committee consider the two applications which have already received grants in this funding cycle and three others received with similar eligibility. These applications have been assessed and recommendations are presented for consideration by the Committee in this report (refer **Appendix 3**). Support for \$35,000 is being requested from the NHF with \$22,400 contribution expected from funding partners, leveraging a total project budget of \$176,550. If granted, this will result in a 50% commitment of the 2010/11 annual budget for the NHF.

To assist the Council to address time constraints on staff and decision-makers in allocating NHF funding by 1 November 2010, it is proposed that the Council delegate responsibility to the Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage to consider and approve NHF applications up to a maximum of \$5,000. This will enable the Council to efficiently process and consider applications as they are received.

The NHF will continue to be promoted, highlighting the limited timeframe for funding allocation in the 2010/11 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) **That the Council grant in full the applications for Natural Heritage Fund funding from:**

- **Te Karearea Trust**
- **Monowai Grazing Ltd**
- **Leigh Harbour Valley Society**

subject to the Standard Terms of Agreement being signed by the applicants.

- (b) **That the Council provide a delegation to the Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage, to ensure that all grants meet the Natural Heritage Fund criteria and approve grants in full for applications for Natural Heritage Fund funding from:**

- **Christine Thoroughgood**
- **Bella Trust**
- **Manaia Properties Ltd**
- **Tomarata Farm Ltd**
- **Thomas and Mahrukh Stazyk**

subject to the Standard Terms of Agreement being signed by the applicants.

- (c) **That the applicants be advised of the outcome of this process and be forwarded a copy of this report.**

- (d) **That the Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage be authorised to consider and approve funding applications for projects seeking contributions of \$5,000 or less, with an update on all projects funded to be reported to the Council.**

1.0 Background

The Council established the NHF to actively encourage and assist the Rodney District community to manage, protect and enhance biodiversity, indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitats. The fund has been promoted through various community communication networks and is now well recognised and supported by Rodney residents.

The NHF is a contestable fund for practical environmental projects in the Rodney District that can demonstrate long-term environmental benefits, with \$70,000 allocated through the 2009/10 Annual Plan. Funding support is provided for up to 50% of the project costs and *generally* up to a maximum of \$5,000.

The NHF, since its establishment in 2006, has successfully committed its annual budget allocation and supported implementation of 57 projects, with grants to date of just over \$172,000. Funds have supported a range of practical community environmental initiatives, strengthening partnerships with other funding partners and leveraging community commitment and effort towards a total project budget valued in excess of \$1.009 million.

The last NHF update report was made to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 18 March 2010. It outlined that eight applications had been received; a decision on two applications was deferred to July as they were ineligible, having received grants in this funding cycle. Six applications were granted NHF support to the value of \$19,900 contributing to an estimated total project budget of \$77,800.

The focus of this report is to provide the Infrastructure and Environment Committee with an update on progress with the NHF since last reported, providing details on applications received and granted under delegation, and to seek decisions on three project proposals for contributions greater than \$2,000. A Committee decision is also being sought on five project proposals that will be eligible for support in the next 2010/11 financial year.

As the 2010/11 financial year will be split between a four month period where the Council will continue to operate and an eight-month period where the new Auckland Council is in place, the resultant boundary changes will make administration of contestable funds like the NHF difficult after 1 November 2010. The ATA has therefore requested that all contestable funding for 2010/11 be allocated prior to 1 November 2010. This request by the ATA was made on the basis that it has the following advantages:

- it ensures a consistent and fair approach across the region
- It utilises existing policies, decision-making mechanisms, administrative systems and boundaries that are subject to change after 1 November 2010
- it makes the best use of existing staff and political knowledge and expertise
- it provides a 'clean slate' for the new Council and ensures consistency for incoming staff and elected members
- it provides a buffer (in terms of time).

The Council continues to promote the NHF and will be advertising its limited timeframe for making allocations in the 2010/11 financial year.

Due to constraints with the Committee meeting schedule and deadlines created by the Auckland governance transition process, officers have taken the first available opportunity to report on all applications received to date, including those only eligible to be considered in the next NHF funding cycle – 2010/11 financial year.

2.0 Issues

2.1 NHF applications update

The NHF has received twelve new applications since last reported in March 2010. All project proposals have been assessed by council officers against the fund's intent, its priorities and funding criteria. The assessment of the proposals' merits has been recorded and a recommendation on whether or not to grant has been, with assessments kept on file for reference. Council officers have endeavoured to make decisions made on project proposals to the NHF within one month of receipt of applications.

Decisions on six applications have been made under delegated authority from the Council by the Manager Sustainability and Natural Heritage. These project proposals sought support for amounts up to \$2,000. All six applications met NHF criteria and were granted, with a combined NHF funding commitment of \$7,300 with funding partners (Biodiversity Condition Fund and ARC Environmental Initiatives Fund (EIF)) contributing \$9,700 towards leveraged project budgets valued at \$34,170. A summary of projects granted NHF support under delegation is included in **Appendix 1**.

2.2 NHF proposals for decision

Three project proposals applying for contributions of more than \$2,000 have been received and are included in this report for decision. A tabulated summary of the proposals, including funding requested, is included in **Appendix 2**. Officers have assessed each of these proposals for greater than \$2,000 against the NHF purpose and assessment criteria and made recommendations based on merit. The combined total of funding being applied for in these three proposals is \$14,500. Contribution from the NHF has the potential to leverage a total project funding budget of \$74,670.

Summaries of the three applications are provided below with recommendations to grant in all cases.

2.2.1. Application NHF_0070: Te Karearea Trust

Proposal objective:	To stock-proof fence off 4,500m ² of wetland and associated riparian bush remnant. As feral deer are a common problem on South Head it is proposed that deer-proof fencing be erected. This project will complete protection of the whole wetland which extends across the three neighbouring properties and covers an area of 1.4 hectares. Some restoration planting will also be undertaken in the protected area to help accelerate natural regeneration.
Location:	South Head Road, Mairetahi
Total project budget:	\$12,650
Recommendation:	<p>To fund the application request in full (\$5,000) for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the proposal contributes to four NHF priority areas – stock-proof fencing of a waterway, wetland and associated native bush remnant, together with replanting and enhancement of native biodiversity• the project proposal will establish deer-proof fencing around 4,500m² of wetland on the property, which will also complete protection of the wetland that extends across three property boundaries covering 1.4 hectares• this project will complement other projects undertaken on the property, including protection of the headwater stream of the Tikitu Creek that flows into the Kaipara Harbour and will establish another important ecological link of protected native habitat in the area• the protection of the wetland will allow natural regeneration to occur, helping to recreate healthy functioning riparian and wetland ecosystems. Further enhancement planting will help to accelerate this process• NHF support will complement the commitment already made by the proponents and strengthen partnerships with the ARC EIF• the project will contribute to a range of environmental benefits, including the protection of the wetland habitat and headwaters of the Tikitu Creek, soil stabilisation and erosion control, restoration of native stream and wetland habitat, recreation of ecological linkages with nearby native habitat and improved stream health and water quality.

2.2.2 Application NHF_0072: Leigh Harbour Valley Society

Proposal objective:	To retire and restore 1.1 hectares of steep hillside, waterways and remnant riparian bush. This initiative is the first project of a long-term initiative by the Leigh Harbour Valley Society to protect and restore the waterways in the catchment.
Location:	Cape Rodney Road, Leigh
Total project budget:	\$9,000
Recommendation:	<p>To fund the application request in full (\$4,500) for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the proposal contributes to three NHF priority areas – protection and restoration of overland flow paths, waterways, associated remnant riparian bush and recreation of native habitat• the proposed project will retire and restore 1.1 hectares of steep hilly grazing land, riparian remnants and waterways

- restoration planting of the area will help to stabilise the steep land and encourage natural regeneration to occur, recreating a healthy functioning native bush riparian ecosystem as well as expanding ecological linkages with nearby native habitat
- the project will enhance native bush habitat and bushlots on the adjacent properties by expanding native habitat on the property
- NHF support will provide encouragement and support for this community initiative to protect and restore waterways and native habitats in the Leigh Harbour Valley, as well as strengthen partnerships with the ARC EIF and Biodiversity Advice Fund
- the project will contribute to a range of long-term environmental benefits, including soil stabilisation and sediment control, native riparian habitat creation; protection and improved stream health and water quality in associated waterways and improved protection of native bush and wetland habitat on adjacent properties.

2.2.3 Application NHF_0075: Monowai Grazing Ltd

Proposal objective:	To stock-proof fence over 400 metres of headwater stream that flows adjacent to the QEII National Trust covenant on the property. The exclusion of stock and restoration planting will enable over one hectare of stream margins to naturally regenerate. This initiative will complement other NHF supported initiatives (NHF0038) that protected 350 metres of headwater streams and 1.8 hectares of waterways and native forest swamp forest and wetland.
Location:	Monowai Road, Wainui
Total project budget:	\$18,850
Recommendation:	<p>To fund the application request in full (\$5,000) for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposal contributes to four NHF priority areas – stock-proof fencing and protection of waterways, associated native swamp forest remnants, and wetland and recreation of native habitat • this project will expand the physical protection of waterways, native bush remnants and wetlands already undertaken on the property • the project will result in the protection of over 400 metres of headwater stream and over one hectare of stream margins that ecologically link with the QEII National Trust covenant and nearby wetland and remnant forests • rehabilitation planting of natives in the protected areas will help to accelerate natural regeneration and stabilise the stream banks improving water quality in associated waterways • NHF support will significantly contribute to the overall goal to protect and revegetate the waterways, native swamp forest remnants and wetlands • support will strengthen the partnership with the proponents enhancing the significant investment already made and potentially leveraging further support by the ARC EIF for the initiative • the project will contribute to a range of environmental benefits, including waterways, native swamp forest and wetland habitat protection; erosion control and improved waterway and wetland water quality. The retirement and rehabilitation of these waterways from stock access will

enhance the ecological values of these natural areas, protecting native flora and fauna and expand ecological links between other protected bush remnant habitats across the property.

2.3 NHF proposals for consideration and pre-approval

As reported in March 2010, consideration of two applications having already received NHF grants in this 2009/10 funding cycle, was deferred. Three additional applications have since been received that also fall into this category. All applications will only become eligible for consideration in the next NHF funding cycle – the 2010/11 financial year.

As noted before, the ATA has requested that the Council allocates all contestable funding prior to 1 November 2010. This request has several implications for the Council, including increased pressure on staff and decision-makers created by the short timeframes and the Council six-week meeting schedule. To assist the Council in the allocation of its NHF 2010/11 annual budget it is proposed that the Council consider providing a delegation to the Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage to consider and approve NHF applications up to a maximum of \$5,000. This should assist the Council to streamline and efficiently process and consider applications as they are received.

The NHF has yet to be oversubscribed. Therefore as the Council has already received five applications for the 2010/11 business year, these applications have been presented to the Committee for consideration. Council officers have assessed the five applications against the fund's intent, priorities and funding criteria and made recommendations based on merit. A tabulated summary of the proposals, including funding requested is presented in **Appendix 3**.

The combined total of funding being applied for in these five proposals is \$35,000. Contribution from the NHF has the potential to leverage contributions from funding partners of \$22,400 towards a total project funding budget of \$ 176,550.

Summaries of the five applications are provided below with recommendations to grant in all cases.

2.3.1 Application NHF_0066: Christine Thoroughgood

Proposal objective:	To complete protection of over three hectares of retired steep pasture, 300 metres of headwater stream, riparian remnant bush, hilly overland flow paths and wetland areas. This project proposal is the third application to the NHF which has resulted in the protection of a major landslip, waterways, overland flow paths and replanted several protected areas in natives (NHF_0036 and NHF_0051).
Location:	Kaipara Hills Road, Woodcocks
Total project budget:	\$12,350
Recommendation:	To fund the application request in full (\$5,000) for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the proposal contributes to three NHF priority areas – stock-proof fencing of remnant riparian bush, overland flow paths, waterways and wetlands• the project proposal will complete protection of over 4.5 hectares of riparian remnants, overland flow paths and 300 metres of headwater stream and associated wetland areas• this project will complement the protection and rehabilitation of the landslip, waterways, overland flow paths and wetland areas that were stock-proof fenced and planted in natives with support from the NHF• the protection of these areas will allow natural regeneration to occur helping to recreate a healthy functioning riparian ecosystem

- NHF support will complement the significant commitment already made by the proponents and strengthen partnerships with the ARC EIF and Trees for Survival Programme
- rehabilitation planting of natives throughout the protected areas will help to stabilise the steep land, as well as re-establishing ecological linkages between native habitat on and nearby the property
- the project will contribute to a range of long-term environmental benefits, including soil stabilisation and sediment control, native riparian habitat creation and protection and improved stream health and water quality in associated waterways.

2.3.2 Application NHF_0067: Bella Trust

Proposal objective: To stock-proof fence 2.8 hectares of mixed wetland and native bush and protecting another 350 metres of the headwaters of the Waiteitei Stream, which flows into the Hoteo River. This project will complement stock-proof fencing of around 2.3 hectares of wetland and around 600 metres of associated waterways implemented with NHF support (NHF_0046). This project is part of the process of covenanting the area with the QEII National Trust.

Location: Staniforth Road, Te Arai

Total project budget: \$30,000

Recommendation: That the Council consider increasing the NHF contribution (\$10,000) to this initiative on the condition it extends the initiative by \$5,000. This recommendation is made for the following reasons:

- the proposal contributes to four NHF priority areas – stock-proof fencing and protection of waterways, wetland and associated forest remnants and expansion of ecological linkages
- this proposed project will expand the physical protection of just under a kilometre of waterways, helping to stabilise the stream banks and improving water quality in associated waterways
- this project proposal will also result in the protection of another 2.8 hectares of mixed wetlands and native bush, expanding the protection of ecological linkages between the wetlands, bush remnants and other adjacent protected native habitats
- NHF support will be an important contribution towards the voluntary covenanting of 15 hectares of significant semi-coastal kauri-mixed podocarp/broadleaf forest and wetland
- increasing NHF support above the general maximum will significantly enhance implementation of the long-term plan to covenant native habitat across the property. It will contribute to a greater area being protected; accelerate natural regeneration processes and achievement of the project goals and its environmental benefits
- stock-proof fencing will enable natural regeneration of the understory, closing in of the canopy inhibiting weed invasion and with rehabilitation planting, help to accelerate the natural succession process recreating fully functional native bush and stream ecosystems
- increased NHF support has the potential to encourage others to voluntarily covenant native habitat on their property and strengthen partnerships with the proponents and other funding partners

- the project will contribute to the joint ARC / RDC / Primary Sector Water Partnership priorities of reducing sediment run-off from properties in the Hoteo catchment that flow into the Kaipara Harbour
- the project will contribute to a range of environmental benefits, including waterways and forest habitat protection; erosion control and improved stream water quality. The retirement and rehabilitation of these waterways from stock access will enhance the ecological values of these natural areas, protecting native flora and fauna and expand ecological links between other protected bush remnant habitats across the property and adjacent areas.

2.3.3 Application NHF_0069: Manaia Properties Ltd

Proposal objective:	To extend stock-proof fencing a further 350 metres up the Mataia Stream, resulting in the protection of over 7000m ² of riparian remnants. This project extends three projects supported by the NHF (NHF_0007; NHF_0030 and NHF_0052) that have physically protected around 1.25 kilometres of the Mataia Stream and eight hectares of wetland, waterways and riparian areas. Native restoration planting has also been undertaken in several protected areas.
Location:	Kaipara Coast Highway, Glorit
Total project budget:	\$21,000
Funding Partners:	ARC EIF - \$5,400
Recommendation:	<p>To fund the application request in full (\$5,000) for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposal contributes to four NHF priority areas – stock-proof fencing of coastal remnant bush, waterways and wetlands and replanting and enhancement of native biodiversity. • the project proposal will extend stock-proof fencing of the Mataia Stream by a further 350 metres upstream, protecting over 7000 m² of riparian margins • this project will complement the fencing and protection of up to eight hectares of coastal waterways and wetlands supported by the NHF over the past three years • the protection of these areas will allow natural regeneration to occur, helping to recreate healthy functioning riparian and coastal ecosystems. Further enhancement planting will help to accelerate this process • NHF support will complement the significant commitment already made by the proponents and strengthen partnerships with the ARC EIF and Trees for Survival programme • the project will contribute to a range of environmental benefits, including the protection of native estuarine and riparian habitats, stream protection; soil stabilisation and erosion control, improved stream health and water quality • the initiative will also help to ensure protection of nearby significant natural areas (SNAs) from stock access and re-establish linkages between the SNA, various bush and wetland areas across the property.

2.3.4 Application NHF_0071: Tomarata Farm Ltd

Proposal objective:	To stock-proof fence a further 1.2 kilometres of the headwater catchment, protecting up to three hectares of stream margins. This initiative will complement two other projects undertaken with NHF support (NHF_0036 and NHF_0058) that resulted in the physical protection of around 2.8 kilometres of waterways of the Waiteitei Stream catchment.
Location:	Cemetery Road, Tomarata
Total project budget:	\$35,000
Recommendation:	<p>To fund the application request in full (\$5,000) for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the proposal contributes to four NHF priority areas – stock-proof fencing of waterways and wetlands, protection of native bush remnants and through enhancement planting, re-establishment of, native habitat and ecological links with other native habitat• NHF support will contribute to the protection of over seven hectares of headwater catchment – up to four kilometres of headwater streams that flow across the property to the Waiteitei Stream, completing protection of this stream catchment• the project will exclude stock from waterways enabling natural regeneration to occur and the re-establishment of ecological linkages with other native habitat• the proponents have made a significant commitment to this initiative over the past four years with stock-proof fencing over hectares of waterway, wetlands and riparian strip• NHF support for support this commitment will strengthen the partnership with the ARC EIF• some of the immediate and future ecological benefits from the project include native remnant bush and wetland habitat protection, soil protection and stabilisation of streambanks and overland flow paths, improved water quality and expansion of wetland and riparian bush habitat for native flora and fauna.

2.3.5 Application NHF_0073: Thomas and Mahrukh Stazyk

Proposal objective:	To expand restoration planting in the protected areas focusing on 3.5 hectares of retired pasture. This project proposal is part of a long-term initiative to retire the bulk of the property from farming restoring native biodiversity and vegetation. Stock-proof fencing of up to five hectares of wetlands, stream, overland flow paths, remnant bush and retired grazing land has been successfully implemented with the support of the ARC EIF and NHF (NHF_0007; NHF_0034 and NHF_0048). Planting of over 9,000 native trees has already been undertaken in the wetland and lower gully areas.
Location:	Kaipara Coast Highway, Komokoriki
Total project budget:	\$78,200
Funding Partners:	ARC EIF - \$15,000 Trees for Survival - \$2,000
Recommendation:	To fund the application request in full (\$15,000) for the following reasons:

- the proposal contributes to four NHF priority areas – the protection and restoration of native bush remnants, waterways and wetlands and through enhancement planting, to recreate ecological linkages between native habitats
- this project will enhance native bush remnants, stream margins and wetlands already fenced with NHF support, helping to accelerate natural regeneration and assist in slope stabilisation and improving water quality in associated waterways
- increasing NHF support above the general maximum will significantly enhance implementation of the comprehensive restoration plan – contributing to a greater area of being restored; accelerate natural regeneration processes and achievement of the project goals and environmental benefits
- the proponents have already made a significant investment upgrading fencing and farm access tracks across the property, contributed to the protection of 3.5 hectares of waterways and riparian remnants and 1.5 hectares of wetlands, as well as actively engaged with partners and volunteers in restoration revegetation plantings with over 9,000 trees now established in the protected areas
- this project proposal will replant over 16,500 native trees, helping to accelerate natural regeneration and providing greater protection to existing native habitats
- the project will strengthen the partnerships with the proponents, volunteers and funding partners, including the ARC EIF and Trees for Survival
- the project will encourage the proponents to continue to carry out a restoration maintenance programme including active weed and pest control across the property
- the project will contribute to a range of environmental benefits, including the protection and enhancement of native bush remnants; erosion control and improved waterway and wetland water quality. The retirement and rehabilitation of the bush remnants and protection of waterways will enhance the ecological values of these natural areas, protecting native flora and fauna and expand ecological links between other protected bush remnant habitats across the property.

3.0 Options

In consideration of the officers' assessment of each application, the Committee has the following options:

1. To fund each project proposal as recommended.
2. To fund variations of the amounts recommended for each project application.
3. To decline one or all of the funding applications.
4. To streamline consideration of all further NHF applications, it is suggested that a delegated authority from the Council be given to the Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage, to consider and approve funding applications up to a maximum \$5,000 contribution.

4.0 Conclusion

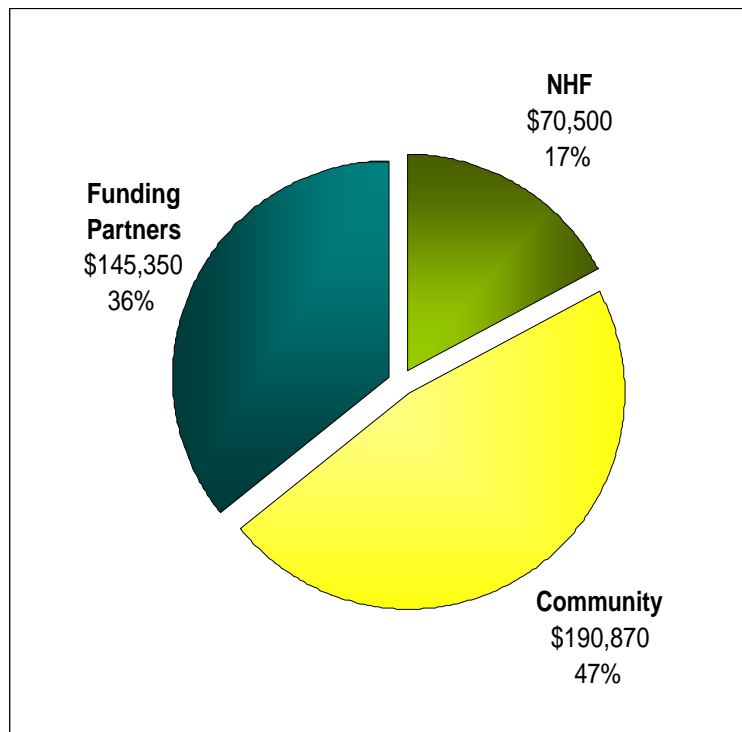
The NHF continues to attract applications, demonstrating our community's interest and commitment to the management, protection and enhancement of Rodney's natural heritage.

The fund has received twelve applications since last reported in March 2010. Every NHF application received is assessed against the fund's intent, priorities and criteria and must demonstrate enduring positive environmental outcomes. Following each assessment, a recommendation is made to grant or not, depending upon merit.

Six projects were granted funding under delegation, with total NHF grants of \$7,300 with funding partners contributing \$9,700 to an overall leveraged project budget total of \$34,170.

Assessments with recommendations are presented in this report for three applications to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for decision. These project proposals seek funding support for \$14,500 with an estimated leveraged project budget total of \$40,500. If these project proposals are granted, it will result in a total NHF commitment for the 2009/10 financial year to June 2010 of \$70,500, with contributions from funding partners of \$145,350, leveraging a community commitment of \$190,870, towards a total estimated project value of \$397,020 (see Figure 1). The Council has successfully allocated its annual NHF budget for the past three years since it was established in December 2006.

Figure 1: Summary of NHF Project Contributions to June 2010

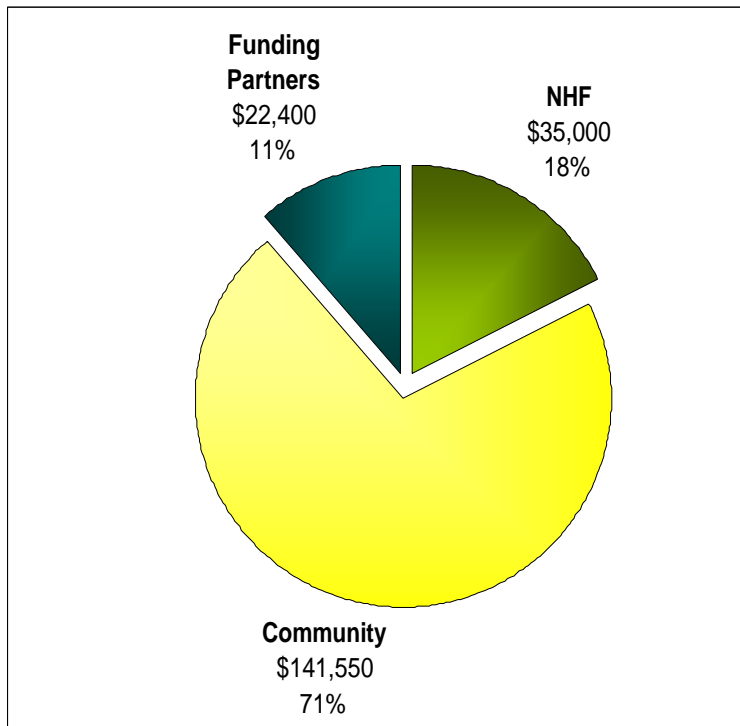


Five applications having received NHF grants in this 2009/10 funding cycle, are only eligible for further funding consideration in the next NHF funding cycle – the 2010/11 financial year. Given the ATA recommendation to the Council to commit all contestable funding prior to 1 November 2010, and that the NHF has never been oversubscribed, the applications were assessed and recommendations presented for consideration by the Committee. If these projects are pre-approved, it will result in a total NHF commitment for the next 2010/11 financial year of \$35,000, potentially leveraging contributions from funding partners of \$22,400 towards a total project funding budget of \$ 176,550 (see Figure 2).

To assist the Council to allocate all contestable funding prior to 1 November 2010, as requested by the ATA, addressing time constraints on staff and decision-makers by Council meeting schedules, it is proposed that the Council delegate responsibility to the Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage to consider and approve NHF applications up to a maximum of \$5,000. This would enable the Council to streamline and efficiently process and consider applications as they are received.

The Council continues to promote the NHF and will be emphasising the limited period that the NHF will be open to applications in its next funding cycle – the 2010/11 financial year.

Figure 2: Summary of NHF Project Contributions for 2010/11 NHF Funding Cycle



APPENDIX 1

Appendix 1: Summary of NHF Applications Granted Funding Under Delegation

NHF ID	Applicants	NHF Priority	Project Objective	Project Site	Project Budget	Partner Contrib	NHF Request
NHF_0055	P.D. and E.F. Lamont Family Trust	Native Forest	To protect the edge of an SNA by controlling weeds and replanting with natives	Taylor Road, Waikoukou Valley	900		300
NHF_0057	Nan Carey	Native Forest	To revegetate open areas in an area of SNA on the Whangaparaoa peninsula	Whangaparaoa Road, Stanmore Bay	600		300
NHF_0059	Tapora Land and Coast Care Group	Native Forest, Coastal, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement	To create a pest and predator free mainland island on the Okahukura Peninsula	Okahukura Peninsula, Tapora	6,920		2,000
NHF_0060	Danielle Hancock	Native Forest, Biodiversity	To restore vegetation on the boundary of SNA	Whitehills Road, Wainui	1,950		700
NHF_0074	Dominic Ryan-Kidd	Waterways, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands	To enhance and restore riparian waterways creating an ecological link with native habitat nearby	Fiddlers Hill Road, Puhoi	15,000	7,500 BCF	2,000
NHF_0076	Meghan Oliver	Native Forest, Wetland, Waterway	To protect and restore a native bush remnant, stream and wetland area	Inland Road, Punganui	8,800	2,200 EIF	2,000
TOTALS					\$34,170	\$9,700	\$7,300

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

EIF ARC - Environmental Initiatives Fund
 BCF DoC - Biodiversity Condition Fund

APPENDIX 2

Appendix 2: Summary of NHF Applications for Infrastructure and Environment Committee Consideration

NHF ID	Applicants	NHF Priority	Project Objective	Project Site	Project Budget	Partner Contrib.	NHF Request
NHF_0070	Te Karearea Trust	Waterways, Native Forest, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands, Waterways	To fence off and protect a wetland	South Head Road, Mairatahi	12,650		5,000
NHF_0072	Leigh Harbour Valley Society	Waterways, Native Forest, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement	To restore an area of coastal bush, stream margins and wetland area	Cape Rodney Road Leigh	9,000		4,500
NHF_0075	Monowai Grazing Ltd	Waterways, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands	To fence off and replant waterways and wetlands across the farm	Monowai Road, Wainui	18,850		5,000
TOTALS					\$40,500		\$14,500

APPENDIX 3

**Appendix 3: Summary of NHF Applications for Infrastructure and Environment Committee Consideration
–eligible for funding in the 2010/11 Funding Cycle**

NHF ID	Applicants	NHF Priority	Project Objective	Project Site	Project Budget	Partner Contrib.	NHF Request
NHF_0066	Christine Thoroughgood	Waterways, Native Forest, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands	To fence off and protect headwater streams, historical land slips and remnant riparian bush to prevent further erosion	Kaipara Hills Road, Woodcocks	12,350		5,000
NHF_0067	Bella Trust	Waterways, Native Forest, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands	To stock-proof fence a waterway, wetland and associated remnant bush on the property	Staniforth Road, Te Arai	30,000		5,000
NHF_0069	Manaia Properties Ltd	Waterways, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Coastal, Wetland	To fence off the Mataia Stream associated wetland areas and replant the riparian margins	Kaipara Coast Highway, Glorit	21,000	5,400 EIF	5,000
NHF_0071	Tomarata Farm Ltd	Waterways, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands	To protect and restore the headwaters of the Waiteitei Stream including wetlands and remnant native bush	Cemetery Road, Tomorata	35,000		5,000
NHF_0073	Thomas and Mahrukh Stazyk	Waterways, Native Forest, Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement, Wetlands	To enhance protected wetlands and remnant bush areas across the property by planting in natives	Kaipara Coast Highway, Komokoriki	78,200	15,000 EIF 2,000 TFS	15,000
TOTALS					\$ 176,550	\$20,400	\$ 35,000

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

EIF ARC - Environmental Initiatives Fund
TFS ARC - Trees for Survival

REPORT



TO Infrastructure and Environment Committee

ON 10 June 2010

FROM Murray Noone – Director: Infrastructure

APPROVED BY Murray Noone – Director: Infrastructure

SIGNATURE

SUBJECT **PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

FILE REF CF/1/1

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information only	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory process
<input type="checkbox"/> Community issue	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegation	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative matter			

IMPLICATIONS:

(i)	Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?
	No
(ii)	Implications in terms of Vision Rodney?
	No
(iii)	Implications in terms of Long Term Council Community Plan/Annual Plan?
	No
(iv)	Implications in terms of other Council Strategic documents or Council Policy?
	No
(v)	Is a budget amendment required?
	No
(vi)	Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?
	Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital cost implications	Not applicable
Is it currently budgeted for?	Not applicable
Funding source of capital costs	Not applicable
Ongoing operational cost implications	Not applicable
Is it currently budgeted for?	Not applicable
Funding & rating impact (whether resulting from capital expenditure or arising directly)	Not applicable

SUMMARY:

Attached as **Appendix 1** is the progress report on the implementation of decisions from the former Assets Management and Community and Environment Committees, which fall under the scope and powers of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. Also included are full Council decisions relating to infrastructure and Environment issues.

The decisions reported on are those where some follow up action is required. Items marked as completed will be shown on two consecutive reports as such, and then drop off.

The progress report is for information only and if further resolutions are required on any of these topics, separate reports will be presented to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

A separate confidential item covers implementation of confidential decisions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

APPENDIX 1

PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (AND FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS RELATING TO ASSET MANAGEMENT MATTERS)

Updates in bold italics

Res.No. Committee	Summary of Decision	Officer/Director Responsible	Status/Next Action(s)	Completed
373/04/08	<u>Helensville Town Centre Toilet Replacement</u>	Gavin Flynn District Strategy & Planning	<i>Final consents to be approved and toilet construction 90% complete. Site works to be scheduled after Queen's Birthday weekend and completed by 9th July 2010.</i>	
2509/09/06	<u>Communities for Climate Protection – New Zealand (CCP-NZ)</u> Crs Delich and W Walker appointed to work with staff to investigate setting a greenhouse gas reduction target for the Council & community to achieve Milestone 2 of the CCP-NZ Programme.	Max Smitheram District Strategy & Planning	<p>Milestone 1 (Corporate & Community emissions audit) has been completed and milestones 2 and 3 were progressed.</p> <p>Council participates in the Regional Response to Climate Change Process and is a party to Issues and Options: Climate Change recently produced by the Auckland Regional Council.</p> <p>ICLEI CCP-NZ has been disestablished by the Government and Councils in the region are collaborating to consider ongoing emissions reduction programmes.</p> <p>A review of corporate energy use is underway through ebench with a view to cost savings, emission reduction and improving corporate energy practice.</p> <p>An in-house team led by Damon Birchfield is pursuing cost savings and practical actions that can be achieved in the next 12+ months which reduce GHG emissions. It has an RDC corporate focus</p>	

Res.No. Committee	Summary of Decision	Officer/Director Responsible	Status/Next Action(s)	Completed
			<p>and will have a legacy aspect for new governance structures.</p> <p>No change.</p>	
16/08/06	<p><u>Matakana Wastewater</u></p> <p>Implementation report on connection of Matakana Village to the Jones Road wastewater treatment plant to be provided.</p>	Anita Yahya Infrastructure	<p>Detailed design is now underway. In readiness for connection, when fund become available in 2010/11.</p> <p>We have now looked at options to divert the existing network to the proposed Matakana to Jones Road Pump Station and rising main. Ahead of the retro fit with the PWC (Pressure Wastewater Collection System).</p> <p>It is now proposed to connect part of the discharge to Jones Road WWTP ahead of the PWC installation to relieve the pressure off the Matakana WWTP and to cater for some growth.</p> <p>Investigation for new disposal area at the Golf Course area is now underway.</p>	

Res.No. Committee	Summary of Decision	Officer/Director Responsible	Status/Next Action(s)	Completed
288/03/08	<p><u>Kumeu Huapai Riverhead Waimauku Wastewater</u></p> <p>Council received information that a full report would be made available in April.</p>	Jenny Warren Infrastructure	<p>This project is progressing steadily forward. Consultants have been engaged to write the resource consent application for Tapu Rd. A meeting has been held with ARC and Auckland Health to make them aware of Council's plans to develop a wastewater treatment plant at Tapu Road, to discuss the programme to develop the resource consent applications and give them the opportunity to advise Council of issues they consider would also need addressing. The alternative connection to Watercare Services trunk sewer is under investigation with a favourable report expected shortly. A meeting has been set up for 29 July to present the industrial and mixed residential property owners of Kumeu and Huapai with a report on progress towards providing the area with a wastewater service. The 8th Wastewater Information sheet is to be issued on 17 July as an insert in the Norwest News to keep the community advised of progress on the project.</p> <p>A detailed report on the scheme was presented to the Infrastructure & Environment Committee 8 May 2008.</p>	
507/05/08	<p><u>Kumeu Huapai Riverhead Waimauku Wastewater</u></p> <p>Council resolved:</p> <p>That interim options be considered to allow landowners to subdivide/develop with on-site treatment options;</p> <p>That it did not consider use of on-site systems to be sustainable for the majority of existing and future development areas;</p>		<p>Officers have developed an Assessment of Environmental Effects reports for resource consent for a possible standalone plant at Tapu Road.</p> <p>Parallel negotiations took place with Watercare Services. A report recommending the preferred option was presented to the Council 6 November 2008.</p> <p>Planning Forums were successfully held in May</p>	

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	<p>To confirm its intention to provide a public service to these communities;</p> <p>That the preferred system be through pressurised wastewater collection (PWC) and a stand alone treatment plant;</p> <p>To continue to investigate alternate solutions using PEC and disposal to the Watercare services regional wastewater system;</p> <p>That officers pursue appropriate design, land use planning, consenting, funding, procurement and consultation as necessary to progress the project;</p> <p>That a final decision be made in June 2009, with interim reports at 3-monthly intervals;</p> <p>That \$7800,000 be made available through the Annual Plan 2008/2009;</p> <p>That a decision on the inclusion of Waimauku be deferred until after adoption of the Waimauku Structure Plan;</p> <p>That the Director: Infrastructure pursues central government funding for the project.</p>		<p>2009.</p> <p>The Watercare/RDC agreement for the wastewater connection is being prepared and is mostly complete. The agreement will state December 2011 as the date for the Watercare wastewater connection. Watercare met with Murray Noone and Rodger recently to discuss delaying the signing of this agreement until after the relevant legislation has been passed later this year.</p> <p>Watercare has agreed to provide water supply only by year 2013, the constraint being that the Watercare physical works may not be able to proceed prior to completion of a section of SH16. RDC would prefer to have the connection by December 2011 to align with the wastewater connection and we are working with the relevant authorities to make this happen.</p> <p>A revised LTCCP Capex timeline has been approved based on delivery of wastewater and water supply by December 2011.</p> <p>A workshop took place for Councillors and a report was presented to the Council meeting on 24 September 2009.</p> <p>All design and consent work is in progress for a project completion – Dec 2011.</p> <p>Currently in discussions with Watercare to ensure that it will commit to this project post Nov 2010.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to ATA to seek support for this project.</p>	

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			<p>Watercare has confirmed its commitment to this programme subject to understanding the financial model. Finances are being discussed with Watercare.</p> <p>Watercare are now developing their overall funding strategy. Contracts are now out to tender. Private landowner permission has been granted. Application for resource consent to cross under Brighams Creek has been lodged.</p>	
665/06/07	<p><u>Groundwater Supply in Warkworth</u></p> <p>Drilling of a production bore and two observation wells in Sanderson Road, Warkworth, to proceed and resource consents to be applied for as soon as possible.</p>	Bruce Fulford Infrastructure	<p>Detailed design of treatment plant and transfer pump station completed. Funding is not available this year to purchase land for the treatment plant. Consent conditions being negotiated with ARC.</p> <p>No change.</p>	
851/08/07	<p><u>Parks Maintenance Standards Agreements</u></p> <p>Parks and Coastal Manager and Property Manager to negotiate service level agreements with WFH Properties and Kensington Properties. Proposed agreement to be presented to the Committee for confirmation.</p>	Chris Burgess Infrastructure	<p>Kensington Body Corporation is still maintaining the public areas that surround Kensington Park. An agreement is still to be reached between Kensington and RDC. RDC Legal is working on it at the moment, however the playground is under construction and a café consent has been issued for this consent. This consent will rectify the developer's ownership and maintenance requirements on public land.</p> <p>WFH Properties - discussions still in process. CityCare have taken over the road mowing of this area as an additional cost to their contract.</p> <p>This has been forwarded to John Hall for discussion in regards to developer contributions.</p>	

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860/08/07	<p><u>Puhoi Land Use:</u></p> <p>Report to next Council meeting (23 August).</p> <p>Site visit before Council meeting.</p>	Stuart Howard Infrastructure	Land classification work now complete and gazette notice issued - NZ Gazette 2010 pg 233.	Completed
521/05/08	<p><u>Kumeu Cemetery</u></p> <p><i>The Council resolved to withdraw the variation due to strong objection to the proposed use of the site for cemetery purposes. The Council resolved that the new Auckland Council review the matter in 2012.</i></p>	Gavin Flynn District Strategy & Planning	Auckland Council to review Kumeu Cemetery issue post July 2012.	
652/06/08	<p><u>Meerkat Warning Sirens – Northern Ward</u></p> <p>The Committee supports the stage 1 installation of Meerkat sirens at Omaha North, Point Wells and Whangateau and agrees to waive landowner consent fees for up to five siren installation sites.</p> <p>The Committee supports the sourcing & installation of sirens from Meerkat Alert systems Ltd.</p> <p>The Committee supports the installation of Tsunami signage of national technical standard & international best practice.</p>	Paul Green Customer Services	<p><i>Phase One complete.</i></p> <p><i>Sirens located at Whangateau, Point Wells and Omaha. These were successfully tested on 25 October 2009.</i></p> <p><i>Phase Two complete.</i></p> <p><i>Further sirens have been installed at Omaha. These were successfully tested on 11 April 2010.</i></p> <p><i>Phase Three has been implemented and will be completed by 1 July 2010.</i></p> <p><i>This will see the completion of all sirens at Omaha, and Point Wells. Scheduled to be completed by 31 October 2010.</i></p>	

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110/03/09	<p><u>Renaming of State Highway 17 from Silverdale to the top of Albany Hill</u></p> <p>Director Infrastructure to investigate the urgency of the request from NZTA for suggestions for the renaming of this portion of road by 18 March.</p>	Bill Horne Infrastructure	<p>Work continues with North Shore City with the objective of establishing a common name for the whole of State Highway 17, from Greville Road to the Silverdale motorway interchange.</p> <p>Council agreed on 26th May 2010, to the name "Dairy Flat Highway" subject to North Shore City Council also agreeing.</p>	
<p>3106/12/06 69/02/07</p> <p>647/06/07</p> <p>1079/09/07</p>	<p><u>Whangaparaoa Road, Town Centre Traffic Signals</u></p> <p>To be implemented:</p> <p>Provision for two right turning movements out of Wade River Road;</p> <p>Provision of additional stacking lane capacity for west bound traffic on Whangaparaoa Road east of Wade River Road;</p> <p>Provision of recessed east bound bus bay;</p> <p>Removal of the existing traffic signals at the Whangaparaoa Road / Main Street / Tower Hill intersection;</p> <p>Installation of central median strip to prohibit right turn movements;</p> <p>Retention of left in, left-out movements;</p> <p>Installation of traffic signals at the Whangaparaoa Road/ Stanmore Bay Road intersection.</p> <p>Removal of the existing traffic signals at the Whangaparaoa Road / Main Street south end intersection;</p> <p>Installation of central median strip to prohibit right turn movements;</p> <p>Retain left-in, left-out movements;</p>	Barry George Infrastructure	<p>Work is now subject to Penlink approval.</p> <p>Minor improvement work, east of Wade River Road intersection, now complete.</p> <p>The installation of Traffic Signals on hold – post Penlink decision.</p> <p>'Whangaparaoa Town Centre top of Plaza improvements' budget of \$227k allowed for in the LTCCP 2010/11 financial year.</p> <p>No financial provision in current year.</p> <p>Subject to 2010/11 plan approval.</p>	

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	<p>Provision of a zebra crossing with central refuge at Whangaparaoa Road/Main Street south end intersection.</p> <p>Consultation process to commence on the upgrade based on Option 2: 60 degree angle parking; raised median islands.</p>			
	<p><u>Busway Park and Ride Project</u></p>	<p>Ahmed Khaled Infrastructure</p>	<p>Park-n-Ride Silverdale included in the LTCCP 2009/19 for implementation during 2009/12 period. \$12.5 million spread over three years has been allocated for the project. This allocation also includes cost of land which will be surplus to the project which will be used for other purposes. Cost of this surplus land will not be entitled to any NZTA subsidy.</p> <p>The project has been included in NZTA's National Land Transport Programme for 2009/12 as a Cat 2 project with project cost of \$5.25 million. The project has to compete with other similar projects nationally for funding based on project economics. Cost of land will be a major factor in determining whether or not the project achieves a fundable benefit cost ratio.</p> <p>Negotiations on purchase of land not progressing well due to above-market expectation of vendor.</p> <p>Compulsory acquisition under Public Works Act underway. A Section 18 notice has been sent to the vendor to enter the land to carry out survey work.</p> <p>Offer has been received from vendor for road frontage lots only. Currently under review by RDC solicitor.</p>	

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	<u>Right of Way Easement at the Waimauku Land fill site</u>	Stuart Howard Infrastructure	Council approved ROW easement in favour of Waimauku Properties Ltd at Infrastructure & Environment Committee meeting on 18 March. Officers now preparing legal documentation to finalise and register agreement. Expect matter to complete in June.	
928/12/09	<u>Orewa College Walkway</u>	Murray Noone Infrastructure	<p><i>In consultation with Orewa College, the finalised alignment of the cycleway, fence, and location of fitness trail have all been approved at a School Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday 26 May.</i></p> <p><i>We have put the College Walkway and Bridge sections out to public tender to be awarded by the end of June, and proposed commencement of the works in July 2010.</i></p> <p><i>The sign off from the MoE and formal easement documentation will be completed before construction commences.</i></p>	

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	<u>Cabeleigh Drive closure of walkway</u>	Mark Johannsen	<p>Response emailed by Mark Johannsen to Western Councillors 24/11/09:</p> <p>Property had agreed on transferring the property to the adjoining owner and the documentation was with their solicitor for signing. We have followed up today and have now been advised that the property is to be put on the market and they do not wish to pursue this land transaction.</p> <p>We are continuing with the reserve revocation and will enter dialogue with the new owner when a sale occurs. We will also contact the RE agent concerned and let them know the availability of this land to any potential buyer.</p> <p>26/02/10 - Still awaiting completion of revocation and following up to determine if a sale has occurred in order to commence new negotiations.</p> <p>29/4/2010 Revocation completed – gazette issued.</p> <p>Follow up message left with owner to see if she has changed her mind, and wants to purchase.</p>	

ITEM NO: 8

SUBJECT PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Recommendation:

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

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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	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Progress report on implementation of confidential committee decisions	As per the reasons given for excluding the public at the meeting(s) when these decisions were made	As per the grounds given for excluding the public at the meeting(s) when these decisions were made.

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