

Subject: Annual Plan 2010/11 Activity Report - Community Development

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Report to COUNCIL for decision

SUMMARY

Ten submissions to the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan contained comments relating to the general Community Development and youth activities. Detailed officer responses and recommendations to these submissions are attached. The issues covered by these submissions were grouped into the following areas:

- general community development
- youth.

The following overarching issues/themes have emerged from the submissions:

- the need for a youth centre and elimination of skateboarding in the CBD
- requests for further township and suburb plans
- Council's continued involvement across a range of community development initiatives and financial support for "Swim for Life" programme by Water Safety New Zealand and Gisborne Stewart Centre Trust's work with people with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

1. receives the report
2. approves the officer responses contained in Attachment 1 - Community Development activity submissions and responses
3. resolves to:
 - a. Include a township plan for Wharekahika and Potaka (Hicks Bay) in the 2010/11 year and increase the Annual Plan budget by an additional \$4000
 - b. support the Water Safety New Zealand's "Swim for Life" initiative
 - c. subject to b. (above) provides 'in-kind' support to the Water Safety New Zealand's "Swim for Life" initiative and that the type and level of support to be provided be considered at the June Operations Committee or
subject to b. (above) provides financial support of \$2500 to Water Safety New Zealand's "Swim for Life" initiative in the 2010/11 year
4. amends the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan to reflect the resolutions listed in 3 (above).

Summary and Response by Issue

For: Annual Plan 2010/11 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Issue	Submitter
Community Development General	
25	Proctor, Ian George
<p>Likes all plans that encourage the mayor and his team interacting with communities.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Councils Community Development Unit supports the capacity and capability development of the community and voluntary sector. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change in the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
32	Gill, Brendon
<p>Positive ageing trust commend GDC for their support of elderly. We would like to speak on planning needs to ensure accessibility so that the elderly remain an integral part of the community in terms of: footpaths, roading, crossings, lighting, safety, housing and transport.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Councils Community Development Unit continue to develop the capacity and ability of the community and voluntary sector. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
39	Kururangi, Kerry Christine
<p>Wishes for council assistance in preparing a township plan for Wharekahika and Potaka, to assist in the planning and implementation of the towns progress and growth. There is support from both communities for a township plan.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Scheduled township plans for the 2009/10 year are currently underway. There has been a township plan developed in Te Araroa, however, this plan does not cover the Hicks Bay area. Given the unique township challenges and issues it is considered appropriate for a plan to be developed for Wharekahika and Potaka in the 2010/11 year. However, any decision to proceed with such a plan would require an increase to the Annual Plan budget. Officer recommendation: That the Council include a Township plan for Wharekahika and Potaka (Hicks Bay) in the 2010/11 year and increase the Annual Plan budget by an additional \$4000.</i></p>	
40	Weiss, Norman Bernard
<p>Supports the submission of the Wainui Okitu Ratepayers Association. Request that the GDC partner with this association and work collaboratively from the early stages of any initiatives that may affect the community environmentally or developmentally. Also request that council work with the community to develop a township plan as has happened in other settlements.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: The Councils Urban Development Strategy signals an intention to initiate a project in the Wainui/Okitu area to address the areas special character and other identified issues. It is considered that there is potential to address a range of issues through this project and that a specific township plan for the area is unnecessary. The project is signalled to begin in 2011/12. Staff will seek direction from the community on the form this project should take. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan. It maybe advantageous for Council to consider allocating funding to develop additional Township Plans in the next LTCCP.</i></p>	
48	Gisborne Stewart Centre Trust

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<p>The Gisborne Stewart Centre Trust are a charitable trust that seek to assist people with disabilities and their families by improving their quality of life and increasing their independence thereby easing the burden of cost to the community. Request grant assistance from the council for a short time to help with costs around administration. NB See submission in full.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Councils Community Development Unit continues to develop the capacity and capability of the Community and Voluntary Sector. The unit can provide funding advice on how to access philanthropic monies however our capacity to allocate a grant of this kind is limited due to budget constraints.</i></p> <p><i>Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
60	Kapai Kaiti
<p>We support the content of the Draft Annual Plan in particular the commitment to continue to improve community consultation processes and communication. We would like to see Council strategic leadership and facilitation to help address, with the involvement of a wide range of sectors, organisations and groups, the most pressing social issues in our region. Given the recent demise of the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership, and with it the Social Development Forum of that entity, we would like Council to provide staff support for a regional entity focused on social development that reports to Council on a range of issues that Council, as local leaders, should be informed about.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council acknowledges its roll as a community leader, however does not currently have sufficient resource base to drive such a collaborative forum. Council is working with Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to investigate models of good practice in this area to identify a way forward in which Council could support a shared delivery model.</i></p> <p><i>Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
68	Gisborne District Council Disability Advisory Group
<p>Recommend that council identify and take up opportunities to advocate for equity and access for people who utilise mobility devices. Recommend that before action is taken, council utilises consultation in planning and design for all access ways to achieve our vision.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council works alongside the Gisborne Disability Advisory Group via regular monthly meetings to obtain their input into issues and areas of concern. Council is currently reviewing its Disability Strategy with this organisation and the wider disability sector - completion date June 2010.</i></p> <p><i>Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
Youth	
5	Redgrave, Lorraine Allison
<p>Council should go ahead with plans to fine skateboarders in town, or get them doing community work - preferably strenuous!!</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council engage monthly with Tairāwhiti Youth Voice to obtain their input into relevant issues. The Bylaw regarding skateboards in town is currently being reviewed to include a wider range of penalties - expected completion within six months. Council will continue to liaise with Gisborne Police re Bylaw enforcement.</i></p> <p><i>Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
57	Naina-o-Te Waipounamu Atareta Hinemoa Dargie

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<p>Disappointed GDC's draft plan does not address the needs of teenagers in Gisborne. We should be encouraging young people to make the right decisions and keep them off the streets. Proposes a youth centre, a safe nest for the future generation. It would be a place where young people could hang out in a safe drug and alcohol free environment, fully equipped with the needs of teenagers, e.g. TV, couches, internet access, where they can feel safe and enjoy the company of others.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: Council has appointed Tairawhiti Youth Voice as the Gisborne District Youth Council and meets with them monthly to obtain input into issues of relevance. Council would support in principle the development of a youth centre by an independent community entity. Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
69	Water Safety New Zealand
<p>Seeks the support of GDC as a key stakeholder in the "Swim for Life" initiative. This initiative has two major components: 1. The regional coordination of swim and survive in schools, via partnerships with Regional Sports Trusts and other agencies in the Gisborne Region that promote the delivery of learn to swim and survive programmes, such as Gisborne District Council. 2. A communications campaign that increases awareness of the importance of learning to swim and survive for primary school aged children. By supporting and adopting the Swim For Life initiative in the Gisborne Region the Gisborne District Council will be seen to provide the community with important life skills that will enable families to enjoy the water safely. This strategy will result in a commensurate reduction in the number of drownings in the Gisborne District. We are seeking financial and/or in kind support for the Swim for Life initiative in the Gisborne District that allows the programme to take full effect.</p> <p><i>Officer Response: This initiative has been rolled out in various parts of the country. Locally, it has strong support from stakeholders in the community. Council's involvement in Water Safety has primarily been through its community facility, Rockforte Olympic Pool. This programme proposes to work with children that can not swim to have access to swimming lessons in order to reduce the number of drownings in the region. Apart from the investment in the Olympic Pool, Council has not been actively involved in collaborative water safety programmes of this type. However, current budget constraints limit Council's financial investment significantly. Council could support the programme through in-kind support through the provision of staff time and access to the Rockforte Olympic Pool for the delivery of its programme. Officer recommendation: That the Council provides either in-kind support to the Water Safety New Zealand's Swim for Life initiative, and that the type and level of support to be provided be considered at the June Operations Committee, or, financial support of \$2500 to Water Safety New Zealand's Swim for Life initiative in the 2010/11 year. That the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan be amended to reflect the options chosen.</i></p>	