



**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE ACTIVITY AND
MONITORING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, MANUKAU ROAD, PUKEKOHE ON THURSDAY
19 JUNE 2008 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM.**

Committee:

Councillor D Lynch (Chairperson),
The Mayor M Ball,
Councillors B Crompton, J Hayman, J Morris, D Morrison, L Petersen and
D Robertson.

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ACTIVITY AND MONITORING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MAY 2008:

Note: These minutes have previously been circulated with the Council Agenda for 22 May 2008.

Recommendation of Chief Executive:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Activity and Monitoring Committee held on Thursday 15 May 2008 be confirmed.

3. QUARTERLY POLICE UPDATE REPORT

Report of Group Manager: Community Facilities (File C450-01):

A representative of the New Zealand Police will be in attendance at the meeting for this item at 10.00 am.

For more information on this report, please call Ian Alexander, 237 1357.

<u>Statute</u>	Local Government Act 2002
<u>Directional Statement</u>	Not applicable
<u>LTCCP</u>	Not applicable
<u>Policy/Delegations</u>	Not applicable
<u>Significance Policy</u>	Not applicable
<u>Monitoring</u>	Not applicable
<u>Budget Impact</u>	Not applicable
<u>On Account</u>	Not applicable

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Discussion

At a previous meeting, policing issues in the Franklin District were discussed and it was requested that a quarterly update report be presented by a representative of the New Zealand Police.

A representative from the New Zealand Police will present the quarterly update report on the wider policing issues for the Franklin District to the Committee.

Recommendation of Group Manager: Community Facilities:

That the report be received.

Approved	
Direct Support Officer	IA

4. CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Report of Group Manager: Community Facilities (File C150-07):

For more information on this report, please call Ian Alexander, 237 1357.

<u>Statute</u>	Local Government Act 2002
<u>Directional Statement</u>	Not applicable
<u>LTCCP</u>	Not applicable
<u>Policy/Delegations</u>	Not applicable
<u>Significance Policy</u>	Not significant
<u>Monitoring</u>	Activity and Monitoring Committee
<u>Budget Impact</u>	Not applicable
<u>On Account</u>	Not applicable

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Update from June 2008 Meeting

The Group Manger: Community Facilities will report on matters raised at a recent meeting of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, specifically in respect of the following:

- Future appointment of a Group Controller.
- Exercise Ruaumoko evaluation and community research.
- Capability development update.
- Early warning system.

Recommendation of Group Manager: Community Facilities:

That the report be received.

Approved	
Direct Support Officer	IA

5. APPROVAL OF THE WAIUKU ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Report of Parks Officer: Community Facilities (File C225-12):

See Attachment 1.

For more information on this report, please call Andrew Moor, 237 1388.

<u>Statute</u>	Local Government Act 2002 and Resource Management Act 1991
<u>Directional Statement</u>	District Environment, page 7
<u>LTCCP</u>	Open Space Amenities, pages 82 to 85
<u>Policy/Delegations</u>	Not applicable
<u>Significance Policy</u>	Not applicable
<u>Monitoring</u>	By report to Activity and Monitoring Committee
<u>Budget Impact</u>	Not applicable
<u>On Account</u>	Not applicable

Executive Summary

- This report presents a Coastal Compartment Plan for the Waiuku Estuary for approval.
- This Plan has been developed through a comprehensive process of technical research, public submissions, hearings and revision.
- It was developed jointly by the Franklin District Council, Waiuku/Awhitu Community Board and Auckland Regional Council.
- The joint hearing panel for the Plan is recommending the Plan for the Committee's approval.
- The Plan is also being presented to the relevant Committee of the Auckland Regional Council on 17 June 2008.
- This decision is not significant in terms of Council's Significance Policy at this stage in the decision-making process.

Background

The Waiuku Estuary Management Plan (WEMP) is a non-statutory document that articulates a shared vision for the upper Waiuku Estuary and identifies the measures required to achieve that vision. It is a comprehensive management plan that integrates the protection, use and management of the defined area of coastal water and land.

The Plan can be incorporated into regional or district plans through Resource Management Act plan change processes, or may be implemented through work programmes or other activities. The content of the WEMP includes

activities in the coastal marine area and on the adjacent land, and attempts to integrate management across the mean high water springs boundary. A copy of Volume II of the WEMP which includes the technical reports and consultation summaries is available in the Councillors' Lounge.

The general process for developing the WEMP has been:

- consultation with the local community, iwi and stakeholders on issues and aspirations regarding the upper Waiuku Estuary;
- completion of any necessary technical studies;
- preparation of a draft Plan; and
- consultation on the draft Plan (including a hearing).

The next step is the approval of the Plan by the two Councils.

Assessment

The WEMP covers the area of the southern Manukau Harbour between Waiuku and the Needles (near the Glenbrook Steel Mill). The key issues in this area are mangrove expansion, sedimentation, pacific oysters, walkways, boating access, coastal erosion, and development of the town basin/Tamakae Reserve area.

Development of the draft WEMP included meetings with iwi and interest groups, a questionnaire survey sent to all Waiuku households, two public open days, studies of the ecology and coastal processes of the area, and development of a report by Ngati Te Ata.

From this a draft Plan was developed and released for public submissions. A total of 152 submissions were received, including a petition signed by 467 people. Twelve people presented their submissions at a hearing in December 2007. The hearing panel consisted of Councillor Dan Lynch, Waiuku/Awhitu Community Board Chairperson, Bill Deed, and Auckland Regional Councillors, Diane Glenn and Bill Burrill.

The draft Plan includes the following vision:

“The Waiuku Estuary is a valued community asset with significant potential, but is subject to numerous natural and human induced pressures. The vision for the Waiuku Estuary is to:

- *manage mangroves using environmentally appropriate and sustainable methods in selected areas where their encroachment has adverse environmental effects,*
- *maintain, restore and enhance ecological, natural character, landscape, cultural and historic values,*
- *minimise the influences of catchment activities on sedimentation in the Estuary,*
- *enhance public access to the coastline and Estuary,*

- *protect existing and future coastal development from coastal hazards,*
- *provide for appropriate development opportunities in the Tamakae Reserve and Town Basin area that enhance linkages with the town centre and support and enhance environmental and historic values, tourism potential and economic development.”*

Some of the key actions to achieve this vision include:

- mangrove removal in selected areas;
- restoration plantings;
- riparian management and catchment management plans;
- investigation of pacific oyster removal;
- dredging for boat access at Tamakae Reserve;
- construction of a walkway between Sandspit and Tamakae Reserve;
- investigation of a walkway along the eastern side of Waiuku inlet from Tamakae Reserve to Racecourse Road;
- management of exotic trees around the coastline;
- development of the Tamakae Reserve and town basin area as a heritage village.

Approval of the WEMP will have financial implications for Council. Planning is already underway for a number of the works identified in the action plan (such as the development of estuary walkways and the hard edging of Tamakae Reserve) and allowance will be made for these works within existing budgets and work plans.

The Plan does however identify new works such as mangrove clearance, resource consent applications and dredging for which there is no current budget allocation. The Plan includes a statement noting that the implementation of the actions will be dependent on Council annual plan processes and that it may be appropriate for some works to be funded by private or commercial organisations. A media plan for the release of the document will be key to ensure community expectations are in line with this. It will also be important to keep the community informed of what works are occurring from the action plan.

The WEMP is a non-statutory document and does not have any immediate legal implications. It may however be referred to in resource consent processes and in reviewing statutory plans such as the District Plans, Reserve Management Plans and the Regional Plan: Coastal.

Consistency with Council Policy/Plans

The matters addressed in this report are consistent with Council policy and plans.

Recommendation of Parks Officer: Community Facilities:

- a. That the report be received.
- b. That the Activity and Monitoring Committee approves the Waiuku Estuary Management Plan as outlined in Attachments 1-1.34.

Approved	
Peer Reviewer	-
Direct Support Officer	IA

6. SIX MONTHLY REPORT OF FRANKLIN DISTRICT LIBRARY TRUST TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

Report of Communications Manager (Files L225-03):

See Attachment 2.

For more information on this report, please call Ken Dyer, 237 1362.

<u>Statute</u>	Local Government Act 2002, Part 6
<u>Directional Statement</u>	District Well-being, page 8
<u>LTCCP</u>	Community Partnerships
<u>Policy/Delegations</u>	Not applicable
<u>Significance Policy</u>	Not applicable
<u>Monitoring</u>	Six-month report to 31 December 2007
<u>Budget Impact</u>	Not applicable
<u>On Account</u>	Not applicable

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Background

The Franklin District Library Trust provide library services to the District and as part of its relationship with Council provide a six monthly report. This report covers the period 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007.

In prior years these reports have been taken to full Council meetings, but with the change of reporting requirements it is considered more appropriate to bring this six monthly report to this Committee.

Once again the Franklin District Library Trust meets all reporting requirements and continues to perform in an outstanding manner.

Particularly noticeable are the increases in both memberships and issue of books. Since its formation this Trust has performed in an outstanding manner and this report simply confirms that this trend is continuing.

Assessment

The report shows that the Franklin District Library Trust is continuing to operate in a prudent and successful manner.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that the Activity and Monitoring Committee receive this report.

Recommendation of Chief Executive:

That the report be received.

Approved	
Peer Reviewer	-
Direct Support Officer	IA

7. TOWN CENTRE MAINTENANCE

Report of Solid Waste Manager (File G075-24):

For more information on this report, please call Nigel Birse, 237 1300, ext 473.

<u>Statute</u>	Local Government Act 2002
<u>Directional Statement</u>	District Development, page 6
<u>LTCCP</u>	Town Centre Development, page 30
<u>Policy/Delegations</u>	Group Manager: Community Facilities
<u>Significance Policy</u>	Not applicable
<u>Monitoring</u>	Activity and Monitoring Committee
<u>Budget Impact</u>	Not applicable
<u>On Account</u>	Not applicable

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Discussion

The Town Centre Cleaning and Maintenance contract 07/14 CF provides for the upkeep and cleaning of Pukekohe, Waiuku and Tuakau Central Business District areas.

The contract awarded to Ecomaintenance with a 2+ 2+ 2+ year term has been running for approximately one year and this report provides Councillors with a summary of works, issues and future intentions to date. Capital upgrades are not part of the update.

After Clean Safe Secure, who previously managed these services, handed over the works there was a back log of work requiring bringing up to an acceptable standard before handover to the new contractor. This included a range of works such as basic cleaning of bins and paths, painting of seating and planting of gaps in the gardens.

Areas of paving that potentially created a risk to pedestrians have been repaired. Some less urgent areas still remain though these are in areas included in the current town centre upgrade capital works. Minor works such as replacing chipped and broken pavers are ongoing.

Money was requested from the asset renewals fund for relaying large areas of paving in King Street. Prices received were felt to be too high for the improvements that would be achieved.

A number of additional bollards have been and are due to be put in place to prevent vehicles accessing the footpath in Tuakau and Pukekohe. Bollards are being removed from the Pukekohe Town Square rather than new ones being purchased. This will also allow sufficient room for events in the Square.

Weed and moss killing is done regularly and areas 'pave locked' (pavement gap filler) as required.

The street bollards in Pukekohe receive a significant amount of damage because there is no kerb in place. Options for wheel stops are being looked at currently. Gardens also receive significant damage from vehicles, but also from vandalism.

Carpark and pavement sweeping and scrubbing is done monthly. Stormwater grates and selected areas are cleaned daily as is general litter picking. Litter bin and seat cleaning is also monthly. Poles, bollards, garden edges, clocks and canopies are cleaned quarterly. Chewing gum is removed six monthly.

A number of cigarette stations have been installed in Tuakau and Pukekohe.

Some general maintenance and items such as the butt stations are on hold in Waiuku because of the imminent town centre upgrade. Concerns have been raised by the contractor about the high maintenance required with hanging baskets which are included in the Waiuku Town Centre Upgrade Plan.

Variations to the contract will be required as completed areas of town upgrades are handed over to maintenance crews.

Property redevelopment and general works primarily with power and telephone lines and the subsequent reinstatement of Council assets has caused problems. A tightening up of road opening and building sign off processes has been done, but requires further work.

Partnering meetings are held with representatives from Council Ecomaintenance, Community Boards, Business Associations and Enterprise Franklin to encourage dialogue between the groups.

Recommendation of Solid Waste Manager:

That the report be received.

Approved	
Direct Support Officer	IA

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE