

Elected Members Questions and Answers

Pūroro Rangaranga | Social Cultural and Economic Committee meeting of 1 September 2022

The following questions were received from elected members regarding items on the agenda for the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social Cultural and Economic Committee meeting of 1 September 2022.

Item 3.2 Reserves Act 1977: Stormwater and Water supply easements and associated works - Grenada North Reserve and Caribbean Drive Reserve

1. Is there any further housing expected in this area?

The site is part of the Lincolnshire Farm Development Area. This is the largest greenfield development area in the city which is expected to deliver over 2,000 additional dwellings. Land above (east of) this development is zoned Medium Density Residential under the Development Area in the Proposed District Plan.

Under the new Medium Density Residential Standard, which permits three dwellings on any residentially zoned site, there may also be opportunities for infill housing in the existing residential areas in Grenada North.

2. If so, will this infrastructure provide for that growth?

The proposed stormwater attenuation system will not provide for other housing growth as:

- It is expected that stormwater management for the land to the east will be provided for within their site.
- Stormwater attenuation (neutrality) for infill housing is generally accommodated through onsite attenuation tanks.

Water supply for the land above will likely be from a reservoir currently being planned further to the south.

Any additional water supply capacity that may be required for infill housing will be assessed by Wellington Water Limited, who may recommend to Wellington City Council that this is an opportunity to contribute to some additional capacity.

Item 3.4 Circa Funding Request

1. How will staff work with Circa to address the risk in para 41 that the current funding model has not generated sufficient income to enable appropriate maintenance of the building?

The report proposes in paragraph 47 that funding be subject to a Funding Agreement which will be conditional on (among other conditions) Circa Theatre committing to setting aside sufficient funds on an ongoing basis to enable appropriate future maintenance of the building.

47. A number of risks identified above can be mitigated through a Funding Agreement between Circa Theatre and the Council. This would make the release of Council funds conditional on, for example:
- Updated and peer-reviewed cost estimates
 - Circa Theatre securing sufficient funds to cover the full project costs
 - The Council funds being used for specified works and/or expenses
 - Milestones being met and/or a time limit for Council funding to be drawn
 - The Council financial contribution being capped
 - A commitment from Circa Theatre to set aside a percentage of its income for future building maintenance
48. Officers recommend a Funding Agreement is prepared (in due course) for discussion with Circa Theatre and approval by the Chief Executive.

Item 3.7 Actions Tracking

1. **There was an action from the Social Cultural Economic Committee of 5 May 2022: *Agree that Council support Māori Wardens in their important work around the city including finding them a base to operate from and supporting with equipment and support to operate. Could we please have an update on this one? What is being done to progress this?***

Our Safety team is working with the Māori Wardens and we have supported them with procurement of uniforms and provided Radio Transmitters (RTs) to allow good communication across the other capable Guardians (such as the Hapai Ake and CCTV). We have also secured free access to Council Network provider for the wardens and other capable guardianship to use for RTs.

The Māori Wardens continue to play a significant role in assisting with the city safety responses working in partnership with the police and the City Safety team. This included during the protests and the encampments that followed and of course the weekends/evenings.

We are assisting them a suitable home base and we have looked at a number of options – but none have been suitable – something we will continue to explore.