
REPORT 6
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Tuesday 24 February 2009

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 029/09P WELLINGTON MUSEUMS TRUST FUNDING PROPOSAL**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Note that the Wellington Museums Trust has submitted a funding proposal for an additional \$1.1 million in 2009/10, plus one-off funding of \$283,000, and an ongoing annual inflation adjustment estimated at approximately \$120,00 per annum from 2009/10*
3. *Note that following discussion with officers, the Trust has submitted a revised proposal for additional funding to be staged over 3 years (and including inflation adjustments) being \$635,000 in 2009/10, \$520,000 in 10/11 and \$305,000 in 2011/12, and one-off funding of \$283,000 in 2010/11 for Plimmer's Ark and the collection store relocations*
4. *Note that in 2006 the Council approved an additional \$100,000 per annum for the increased operational costs of the redeveloped City Gallery, which is budgeted from 08/09 when the Gallery was originally due to be re-opened. The Wellington Museums Trust has, in its revised proposal, included this funding in its forecasts from 2009/10*

5. *Agree to accept the advice of the Museums Trust in respect of its recommendations for the future management of the Plimmer's Ark timbers, as the entity charged with managing Wellington's heritage collection*
6. *Agree to include the following in the upcoming draft 2009/19 LTCCP deliberations:*
 - a. *An annual increase in the operating grant for the Wellington Museums Trust to stage the implementation of its strategy over three years, as outlined in the table below:*

<i>Additional base line funding</i>				
<i>Project</i>	Operating expenses \$000			Additional funding by 11/12
	<i>09/10</i>	<i>10/11</i>	<i>11/12</i>	
	<i>\$000s</i>	<i>\$000s</i>	<i>\$000s</i>	<i>\$000s</i>
<i>C102 – Wellington Museums Trust operating grant</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>1,200</i>

- b. *One-off funding of \$283,000 (Opex) for the costs of the move and fit-out of a heritage collection store during 2010/11 and the relocation of the Plimmers Ark timbers, subject to all remaining costs being met from other sources as proposed by the Trust. If the external funding obtained is insufficient to meet costs, or an alternative proposal (e.g. purchase of a facility) to a new lease is proposed following investigations, the Council will reconsider its options.*
- c. *Note that, as part of the pre-engagement process ahead of the draft 2009/10 LTCCP, the public is being asked to consider the option of charging out-of-town visitors for access to the Wellington Museums Trust's facilities, and that feedback from the public will be reported to the Committee during the draft LTCCP deliberations in March 2009*
- d. *Request that officers explore options to fund the recommended increase from 2010/11 (other than from general rates), and report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee in October 2009*
- e. *Request that the Council Controlled Organisations Performance Subcommittee set key performance indicators and agree current baselines so that the benefit of the increase in funding can be measured and reported.*

**Kerry Prendergast
Deputy Chair**