
REPORT 5
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Tuesday 1 June 2010

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

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. **ITEM 129/10P CONSULTATION ON DRAFT 2010 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT Council:

1. *See Part B.*
2. *See Part B.*
3. *Agree to amend the funding for the electric vehicle pilot so that \$25,000 CAPEX and \$25,000 OPEX is allocated in 2010/11, and \$50,000 OPEX is allocated in 2011/12; and,*
 - (a) *Note that this pilot may include electric bicycle and public transport initiatives.*
4. *Agree that the \$50,000 OPEX for the home energy saver programme is removed from the 2010/11 Annual Plan but that the \$100,000 OPEX for 2011/12 remains in place.*

5. Agree that the funding for the following new initiatives be included in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan for consideration:

| <i>Outline of project costs per year</i> | | |
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| <i>Project Component</i> | <i>Expenses \$000</i> | |
| | <i>10/11</i> | <i>11/12</i> |
| <i>Vulnerability assessment (OPEX)</i> | 30 | 100 |
| <i>Electric vehicle pilot programme (CAPEX)</i> | 25 | |
| <i>(OPEX)</i> | 25 | 50 |
| <i>Council energy management programme (CAPEX)</i> | 50 | 150 |
| <i>(OPEX)</i> | 25 | 25 |
| <i>Business energy programme – eMission (OPEX)</i> | 25 | 25 |
| <i>Home energy saver programme (OPEX)</i> | | 100 |
| TOTAL | 180 | 450 |
| <i>(CAPEX)</i> | 75 | 150 |
| <i>(OPEX)</i> | 105 | 300 |

6. Decline the funding sought by CityHop (\$5,000) and EnviroChallenge (\$22,000) noting that officers will continue to work with these organisations to explore their proposals further.
7. See Part B.
8. Agrees the 2010 Climate Change Action Plan attached as Appendix One of this report.
9. See Part B.

2. **ITEM 136/10P TO ESTABLISH A NEW COUNCIL-CONTROLLED TRADING ORGANISATION TO MANAGE THE MERGED OPERATIONS OF THE ST JAMES THEATRE CHARITABLE TRUST AND THE WELLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)**

THAT Council:

1. See Part B.

2. *Note that the proposal to establish a new council-controlled trading organisation requires the Council to use the special consultative procedure as outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.*
3. *Agree, in principle, that:*
 - (a) *the operations of the St James Theatre Charitable Trust and the Wellington Convention Centre be merged into a single entity;*
 - (b) *a new council-controlled trading organisation be established to manage the combined operations of the St James Theatre Charitable Trust and the Wellington Convention Centre;*
 - (c) *ownership of the built assets of the St James Theatre and the Opera House be transferred to the Council who will take responsibility for their management; and,*
 - (d) *the St James Theatre Charitable Trust is wound up.*
4. *Agree to the Statement of Proposal (attached as Appendix 2 of this report), which recommends that a new council-controlled trading organisation be established to manage the combined operations of the St James Theatre Charitable Trust and the Wellington Convention Centre, and agrees to commence the special consultative procedure.*
5. *Note that, if the Statement of Proposal is approved for consultation:*
 - (a) *it will be publicly notified on 6 July and submissions will close on 7 August; and,*
 - (b) *oral submissions will be heard on 19 August; and,*
 - (c) *Council officers will report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 9 September with the results of public consultation.*
6. *Note that if the Statement of Proposal is approved by Council for consultation that a Transition Working Group will be established to manage the initial transition preparations, subject to final Council approval on 29 September.*
7. *Note that if the proposal to establish a council-controlled trading organisation is approved by Council on 29 September, officers will seek new initiative capex funding for the St James Theatre and the Opera House built assets in the 2011/12 Draft Annual Plan to fund the deferred maintenance and ongoing renewals.*

3. **ITEM 139/10P COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTATION (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)**

THAT Council:

1. *See Part B.*
2. *Agree to the Community Facilities Policy (attached as Appendix 3 of this report).*
3. *See Part B.*
4. *Note that at the time of adopting the Community Facilities Policy the Council has no plans to close any libraries.*
5. *Agree the following initiatives included in the draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan for aquatics for inclusion in the 2010/11 Annual Plan as follows:*
 - (a) *additional teaching pool space at the Karori Pool*
 - *\$0.585m -10/11;*
 - (b) *a dedicated hydrotherapy pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre*
 - *\$2.1m – 2010/11;*
 - (c) *planning and implementation of an upgrade of the Keith Spry Pool in Johnsonville*
 - *\$0.180m -2010/11,*
 - *\$3.0m - 2011/12,*
 - *\$1.7m -2012/13;*
 - (d) *replacement of the Tawa Pool roof*
 - *\$1.6m – 2011/12;*
 - (e) *installation of a retractable roof to extend the operational use of the Thorndon outdoor pool*
 - *\$0.050m – 2010/11,*
 - *\$1.250m – 2013/14*

(Note: all funding is capex).
6. *Agree the following amendment to the draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan for inclusion in the final 2010/11 Annual Plan and Implementation Plan as follows:*

- (a) *increase the total funding for partnering with schools for school pool upgrades through the Social Grants pool fund to \$2m opex as follows:*
- *\$0.5m - 2010/11*
 - *\$1.0m - 2011/12*
 - *\$0.5m - 2012/13.*
- (b) *\$60k opex in 2010/11 for planning and feasibility work for a 25 metre 10-lane deep water pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre and for other Wellington aquatic facilities to meet future demands for aquatic activity, and note that the outcome of this work will be reported back to the Council for its consideration in 2010/11 in time to inform the 2011/12 Draft Annual Plan.*
- (c) *note that as a consequence the \$1.5 million indicated in the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan for 2013/14 for aquatics is deleted and the issue of funding future initiatives arising from the report in recommendation 6(b) will be considered as part of the LTCCP in 2012*
7. *Note that a report will be presented to Council on 25 June 2010 to approve criteria for allocation of the Social grant funding for partnering with schools for school pool upgrades.*
8. *Note that the Grants Subcommittee has delegated authority to*
- “consider and approve annual grants from the economic, environmental, social and cultural pools in line with Wellington City Council’s grants criteria, grants pool priorities and strategic fit.”*
9. *Note that any opex funding for partnerships with schools outlined in recommendation 7 in 2011/12 and 2012/13 is ‘in principle’ and subject to annual and long-term plan processes.*
10. *Note that the capex funding for aquatics initiatives is a reallocation of existing LTCCP capex funding for pool upgrades.*
11. *Note that if the proposed schedules of Aquatic Upgrades are adopted then the requirement to implement the proposed sessionalisation policy for the management of pool space at peak times across the pools network would be significantly diminished.*
12. *Agree that the introduction of a sessionalisation policy is an appropriate management tool for prioritising the allocation of pool space at peak times. In the event that pool managers may need to utilise the policy, then the maximum service level impact permitted by*

facility managers in meeting the needs of their customers will require 60 days notice to be issued to customers prior to any change.

13. *Agree the feasibility study for the relocation and expansion of the Johnsonville library included in the draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan for Libraries for inclusion in the 2010/11 Annual Plan as follows:*

- *\$50k opex and \$330k capex – 2010/11.*

14. *Agree in principle the following initiatives included in the draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan for Libraries for review in the LTCCP in 2012 and relevant annual plans where the scale of the proposed investment and detailed business cases will be considered in the context of competing demands on the ratepayer. The initiatives are as follows:*

- (a) *A refresh of the central library and introduction of electronic item management system - \$14.88m capex*
 - *\$180k – 2011/12,*
 - *\$7.8m – 2012/13,*
 - *\$4.0m – 2014/15 and*
 - *\$2.9m – 2015/16*
- (b) *Technology investments to enable the library service to respond to changes in technology and introduction of digital formats - \$2.4m capex and \$8.8m opex*
 - *\$35k capex and \$65k opex – 2011/12,*
 - *\$352k capex and \$468k opex – 2012/13, and*
 - *\$252k capex and \$1.043m opex per year from 2013/14*
- (c) *A new library in Johnsonville - \$11.6m capex*
 - *\$750k – 2015/16,*
 - *\$4.37m – 2016/17 and*
 - *\$6.2m – 2017/18*
- (d) *A feasibility study for co-location of Island Bay library and community space*
 - *\$45k opex– 2019/20*

(Note: all costings are at 2009 prices).

15. *Note that the funding for the relocation and expansion of Johnsonville library is scheduled for construction in 2016/17 and 2017/18, 4 years after completion of Stage 1 of the expansion of Keith Spry Pool, and that the feasibility study will address any potential savings and efficiencies around the timing and scheduling of the two facility upgrades.*

16. *Agree in principle the following initiatives included in the draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan for Community Spaces for inclusion in the review of the LTCCP in 2012 and relevant annual plans as follows:*

(a) *Development of a partnership to deliver facilities in Churton Park*

- *\$0.85m capex – 2012/13*

(b) *Upgrade of the community facilities in the catchments centred on*

(i) *Aro Valley - \$0.98m capex*

- *\$45k – 2013/14,*
- *\$100k – 2014/15 and*
- *\$835k – 2015/16*

(ii) *Strathmore - \$1.00m capex*

- *\$40k – 2014/15,*
- *\$140k – 2015/16 and*
- *\$820k – 2016/17*

(iii) *Newtown \$2.745m capex*

- *\$45k – 2016/17,*
- *\$285k – 2017/18 and*
- *\$2.415m – 2018/19*

(iv) *Kilbirnie \$3.78m capex*

- *\$45k – 2018/19,*
- *\$185k – 2019/20 and*
- *\$3.5m – 2020/21*

(Note: all costings are at 2009 prices).

17. *Agree the priorities for community facilities for Churton Park are a multipurpose indoor (sports) space, meeting rooms and playground upgrades.*

18. *Agree to defer the \$812.5k capex funding for community facilities in Churton Park from the 2010/11 Annual Plan to the 2011/12 Annual Plan.*

19. *Note that some of the capex funding identified for the provision of community facilities in Churton Park may be opex if Council does not have ownership of the final assets and that any changes from capex to opex will be dealt with through the 2011/12 Draft Annual Plan*

process and the review of the Long Term Council Community Plan in 2012.

20. *Direct officers to negotiate with*

- *the Amesbury Drive School Establishment Board of Trustees*
- *the Ministry of Education and/or*
- *the developer of the proposed commercial centre in Churton Park*

to achieve the developments identified in recommendations above.

21. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Education to achieve the priorities set out in recommendations above. The agreement will:*

- *state the level and nature of the Council's investment*
- *state the level of community access to Council supported facilities*
- *establish the governance arrangements around the community facility*
- *provide value for money*
- *be consistent with the results of the recent survey of Churton Park residents*
- *be consistent with the draft Community Facilities Policy levels of service.*

22. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into an agreement in principle with the developer of the commercial centre for community facilities to be provided at the commercial centre consistent with the priorities set out in recommendations above.*

23. *Note the delegation to the Chief Executive Officer is limited by the financial commitment in the agreements not exceeding the level of funding agreed in recommendations above (16(a) and 18).*

24. *Note that additional funding may be required to address legacy issues in the community facilities portfolio and these will be considered through the relevant Draft Annual Plan and LTCCP processes.*

25. *Recommend that Council agree the amendments to the general grants framework attached as Appendix 2 of the Officer's Report.*

26. *Agree the increase in the Social and Recreation Grants pool by \$55k opex per year starting in 2010/11 as included in the draft Community Facilities Policy and Implementation Plan for community spaces for inclusion in the 2010/11 Annual Plan and subsequent years.*

27. *Agree funding of \$203.8k opex per year for three yearly community centre contracts for inclusion in the 2010/11 Annual Plan.*
28. *Confirm the contract funding allocation methodology for community centres as follows: each centre receives a base funding of \$27k plus additional funding up to a maximum of \$45k. The additional funding portion is calculated on a pro-rata basis around the following criteria*
- *local suburb population (maximum of \$4.5k),*
 - *catchment population (maximum \$4.5k),*
 - *number of lettable spaces (maximum of \$2.25k) and*
 - *deprivation index of the local population (maximum of \$6.75k).*
29. *Agree that only \$10,000 of the \$35,713 be tagged for community development in Churton Park in 2010/11 and the remainder be returned to the three yearly community centre contracts to be re-allocated on a case by case basis on applications from community centres in 2010/2011.*

**Mayor Prendergast
Chair**